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FOREWORD

Among the reasons for rewriting history, none is more compelling than the discovery of new sources of information. Today the process of discovery, in every field of knowledge, is losing its accidental and individualistic character, and is becoming more and more an affair of planning and organization. Viewed in this light, the Historical Records Survey is a counterpart of the scientific expeditions which, in co-operative fashion, have surveyed the natural phenomena of the earth and charted its resources.

History advances, however, not so much through the discovery of hitherto unknown documents as through the utilization of hitherto neglected ones. "That which had been negligently trodden under foot by those who were harnessing and provisioning themselves for long journeys into far countries, is suddenly found to be richer than all foreign parts," so Emerson once told the assembled scholars of Harvard. The present publication is a reminder to the same effect. Its very inclusiveness should be stimulating and suggestive to historians and teachers. Charters, political correspondence, and military orders are listed in this *Guide,* of course, but there are also items like the following, indicative of the range of matters with which students of history now concern themselves: "papers dealing with . . . early canals, turnpikes, and roads"; "memorandum books, throwing light on operations of land agents and pioneering on the frontier"; "letters . . . on religious revivals"; "subscription book for building the first school house in Buffalo"; "expenses of moving a family to a new settlement"; "account book of . . . proprietor of a general store"; "minute book of the Red Hook Society for the Detection of Horse Thieves"; "Albany Mechanics Society, 1786-1826"; "record of the Common Schools of Schenectady and Princetown"; "letters . . . relating to the Liberty League and Liberty Party, and the split in the anti-slavery ranks over the inclusion of radical abolition theories."

The historian will know how to use some of this material; he will discover how to use more of it. The same is true of the teacher. To utilize the resources of the community is one of the pleas of modern education. Among these the local history, and the records of that history, must never be neglected. By knowing these historical resources the alert teacher will not only increase the direct effectiveness of his own teaching, but will also be able to command the assistance of librarians and archivists whose exhibits of local material can be used as powerful visual aids to instruction.

By publishing the present guide to manuscript depositories, the Middle States Association of History and Social Science Teachers hopes to contribute to the advancement of history and the advancement of historical teaching. With a membership drawn from colleges and secondary schools

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alike, this Association is committed to the principle that these ideals are not two but one—that every effective teacher is also a scholar deeply interested in the advancement of his subject, that every true scholar is also a teacher anxious that his discoveries shall influence beneficently the lives of men and women.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

THIS *Guide to Ten Major Depositories of Manuscript Collections in New York State (exclusive of New York City)* is the first section to be published of a comprehensive guide to all the depositories of the state, long in preparation by the Historical Records Survey. The ten depositories covered herein have been selected from the largest and most important in upstate New York. In making the actual selection from among those institutions that are entitled to designation in the first rank, geographical factors have been given weight, with the result that this volume is representative of all sections of the state north of the metropolis.

The first paragraph of each entry includes the address of the depository, the name and title of the custodian, the hours, and the standard location symbol for the depository as used in the Union Catalogue at the Library of Congress and in such standard reference books as the *Union List of Serials* and the *Union List of Newspapers.*

The second paragraph describes the history and purpose of the institution, its policies concerning the acquisition of manuscripts, and the safety and adequacy of its facilities for preserving such materials.

The principal part of each section is a detailed description of the actual manuscript holdings of the particular depository. The different collections are described by title and date, and each collection is analyzed in terms of persons, places, dates, subjects, and quantity of manuscripts. The separate paragraphs are lettered and numbered, for convenience of reference in the index. The Roman numeral indicates the depository; the Capital letter, the collection; and the Arabic numeral, the subdivision of that collection. In two instances, Capital letters have been used to designate subdivisions of a library rather than individual collections, and the latter have accordingly been numbered with Arabic numerals. This, of course, does not affect the method of using the index.

The final paragraph is a summary of the holdings as a whole, giving quantity, methods of arrangement and cataloguing, restrictions upon the use of the manuscripts, and facilities for photostating and copying material.

A bibliography of books, periodicals, and articles describing the depository and its holdings concludes the entry.

I. Albany.—*New York State Library, State Education Department*

Address: State Education Building. Director: Robert W. G. Vail; Chief of Manuscripts and History Section: Edna L. Jacobsen. Manuscripts Room, hours: 9 A.M.-5 P.M., weekdays, except Saturday afternoon. Other library reading rooms, hours: 8:30 A.M.-10 P.M., September 15-June 15; Summer hours: 9 A.M.-5 P.M. Union Catalogue location symbol for this library: N.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—The library was founded in 1818 as the depository for original source material, official and non-official, pertaining to the history of New York as colony and State. Manuscripts of value for this purpose are purchased to the extent that funds permit. No manuscripts are sold or exchanged, and gifts and conditional deposits are accepted. Donors' or depositors' restrictions are scrupulously regarded. Although the library suffered disastrously in the Capitol fire of 1911, it still ranks as one of the leading state libraries. DeWitt Clinton had a hand in its founding and purchased its earliest collections. The collections are kept and administered in specially planned and constructed steel, brick, and concrete quarters in a building erected in 1911-12, with an additional vault, 12′ x 30′ x 9′, equipped with 1,000 steel deposit boxes.

HOLDINGS

Relate largely to the history of New York, including private papers and records of an unofficial nature pertaining to the history of the State and the lives of public men, State archives transferred from departments of issue under the present Education Law, originally passed in 1892, official records of local governmental units, New York church records of baptisms, marriages, and burials previous to 1880, and American local history, biography, and genealogy, with so much of English and foreign genealogy as is necessary to trace the early history of American families.

A. Important collections include:

1. **Assembly Papers**, 1771-1831, 36 v.
   Originally 43 v. of papers selected in 1831 from documents on file in the Assembly; 7 v. destroyed in Capitol fire of 1911. Collection includes materials relating to Revolutionary soldiers and claims, forfeited estates, estates of deceased persons, attorney generals' reports, comptrollers' reports, Indian affairs, executive messages and correspondence, surveyor generals' reports, schools, colleges, and corporations, and other miscellaneous matters.
2. **Goldsbrow BANYAR papers**
   Collection consists of maps, leases, and correspondence of BANYAR and his associates (Col. Henry LIVINGSTON, Hugh WALLACE, Alexander and Cadwallader COLDEN) in speculation in various

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

patents lying for the most part in Schoharie and adjoining counties, including Montgomery, Albany, Ulster, Oneida, Orange, and Otsego. Included are:

138 leases relating to land in BANYAR, LOTT and LOW, MAGIN, SCHUYLER and STEWART patents.

26 vols. of day books, ledgers, rent books, receipt books, field books, and miscellaneous memorandum books. Included are surveys and maps of William COCKBURN, 1770, 1796.

account book, containing a register of BANYAR'S land transactions.

memorandum books, throwing light on operations of land agents and pioneering on the frontier.

memorandum books of appraisers (after BANYAR'S death in 1815), containing data on tenants, ejectments, leases and suits.

letter book of the estate by James DEXTER, agent, 1835.

letter books, correspondence, and legal papers of Leonard G. HUN, in charge in 1873.

maps of sundry patents by William COCKBURN, some showing holdings of BANYAR, Alexander COLDEN, James DUANE, Philip LIVINGSTON and others.

miscellaneous agreements and correspondence with lessees and purchasers.

3. **Harmanus BLEECKER papers,** 1715-1872, 2,500 items.

Collection of letters, documents and other data relating to Harmanus BLEECKER, the BLEECKER family, the law firm of BLEECKER and SEDGWICK, and the management and disposal of the BLEECKER estate. Included are records of the service of Harmanus BLEECKER as chargé d'affaires under VAN BUREN at the Hague.

4. **John N. BLEECKER papers,** 1704-1870, 4 boxes.

Miscellaneous collection representing his varied activities as a public official and private citizen. Included are:

tax records, 1781-90, 7 v., comprising tax rates, ledgers, and account books of BLEECKER as treasurer of the city and county of Albany and clerk of the board of supervisors.

assessment roll of inhabitants and estates in the third ward of Albany, May 1-June 1, 1809.

Revolutionary papers, comprising documents signed by Peter Van Brugh LIVINGSTON as president of the New York Provincial Congress concerning army stores, appointments and contracts, muster rolls, and instructions and orders.

family letters and papers, including the names of BRODHEAD, ROMEYN, ROSEBOOM, and VAN SCHAICK.

wills, invoices, receipts, patents, and deeds, 1701-1870.

bills of sale of negro slaves to John N. BLEECKER, 1783-1807, 7 items.

inventory of John N. BLEECKER'S estate, 1812.

accounts of the Low Dutch Church Academy in Albany, 1786-90, 1

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

v., citing the Rev. John BASSETT as superintendent and president, and John N. BLEECKER, Stephen VAN RENSSELAER, Philip SCHUYLER, Henry GLEN, Cornelius VAN VECHTEN, Abraham N. CUYLER and others as contributors.

5. **Books of entry in the port of New York,** 1728-66, 10 v.

6. **John H. BOYD papers,** 1835-63, 100 items.
Correspondence covering the period of his service in the House of Representatives, 1851-53, and reflecting the feelings of his Whig constituents on such matters as the tariff and internal improvements; also leases and legal papers, bearing signatures of many residents of Washington County.

7. **Orsell Cook BROWN papers,** 1861-65, over 225 items.
Letters and papers dealing with his experiences during the Civil War. Include enlistment and discharge papers, commissions, appointments, muster roll, and letters to his sister, Olivia A. BROWN, Ashville, N.Y.

8. **Certificates of treasurer,** 10 v.
Certificates for military service in the Revolutionary War; badly burned in Capitol fire.

9. **Thomas COLE papers,** 1821-47, 1,632 items.
Letters, notebooks, sketch books, journals, and bills of Thomas COLE (1801-48), one of the first true American landscape painters. Extensive correspondence with men prominent in American art and letters, among them Francis ALEXANDER, Washington ALLSTON, William DUNLAP, F. W. EDMONDS, Henry INMAN, John SARTAIN, Jonathan TRUMBULL, W. C. BRYANT, Edward EVERETT, Washington IRVING, John Howard PAYNE, William B. SPRAGUE, Peter G. STUYVESANT, and William P. VAN RENSSELAER.

10. **George CLINTON papers,** 1763-1844, 10 v.
Originally 52 v.; only 10 v. and fragments of a few others saved in Capitol fire.

11. **Dutch records,** 21 v.
Include register of the provincial secretary, 2 v., council minutes, 1 v., correspondence, 5 v., ordinances, 1 v., Curacao papers, 1 v., Delaware papers, 2 v., records of the administration of Governor COLVE, 1 v., land patents, 2 v., and Council minutes, 6 v.; the last badly burned.

12. **Amos EATON papers,** 1798-1846, 3 boxes.
Most of the papers relate to the period of EATON'S senior professorship at Rensselaer Institute under the patronage of Stephen VAN RENSSELAER and to his geological tours along the Erie canal route. Material deals with methods of instruction and examination, later careers of former students, and results of field trips. Included are some journals and papers of George JOHNSON, related to EATON, on the Erie Canal enlargement, 1837-40.

13. **HARDENBERGH papers,** 5 boxes.
Collection, relating largely to Johannes, Isaac, Lewis, and John HARD-

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

ENBERGH, includes: deeds; maps and surveys; agreements; rent lists; receipts; correspondence, 1776-1829, pertaining to land; military papers, 1820-30, of Lewis HARDENBERGH, member of the 174th Regiment, 25th Brigade Infantry, N. Y. State Militia; Roxbury school and highway records; account books; wills; and other papers.

14. **Warren Rosecrans HEDDEN papers,** 1861-65, 2 v. and 12 pieces.

Civil War papers of HEDDEN, acting Quartermaster of the 65th N. Y. State Volunteers at the time of his discharge in 1864. These include:

Description book, Co. H. 65th N. Y. S. V., June 1862-May 1864

Company clothing book, July 1862-Aug. 1864.

Account of clothing issued to Co. A.

List of Quartermaster stores received from the U.S. by Lieut. HEDDEN.

List of articles left at Brandy Station, Va., Jan. 5, 1864.

15. **HOLDEN-WHITEHALL collection,** 37 v.

Notebooks kept by Clarence E. HOLDEN (1869-1927), prominent resident of Whitehall, N.Y. Materials concern the history of Whitehall and consist of copies and abridgements from documents and books, letters, accounts, scrapbooks, newspapers, studies in old graveyards, and other sources; also copies and originals of maps, plans, stories, anecdotes, autographs, biographical sketches, town records, and other data.

16. **Franklin B. HOUGH collection.**

Originals of many of his works, with marginal or interleaved notes, copy of the French original Castorland journal and English translation, and indexes to participants in the Civil War, 50 v.

Diary of Franklin B. HOUGH, 18 v.

Letter books, 6 v.

Miscellaneous papers relating to the Civil War, forestry, meteorology, colleges and universities, including the history of the University of the State of New York, the early settlement of the various states; also letters and personal autobiographical material.

17. **Sir William JOHNSON papers,** 1733-1808, 22 v.

Originally 26 v.; 4 v. totally destroyed in Capitol fire. Mostly public and private papers in the possession of Sir William JOHNSON at the time of his death in 1774. Collection consists of letters, official and military reports, and records of public proceedings (See *Calendar of the Sir William JOHNSON Manuscripts in the New York State Library,* Albany, 1909, and *The Papers of Sir William JOHNSON,* Albany, 1921-39, 9 v.). Also transcripts (1,665 pp.) from the Sir William JOHNSON papers in the British Public Record Office, 1747-74.

18. **Kingston papers,** 14 boxes.

Pertain to the activities, during the 18th and first half of the 19th centuries, of a number of prominent Ulster County families, chief among whom were the BRUYNS, CROOKS, ELMENDORPHS, HASBROUCKS, and FORSYTHS. Consist largely of deeds, leases, ac-

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

count books, maps, wills, and other legal papers. Include Severyn BRUYN'S account books and correspondence with London agents; John CROOK Jr.'s account book; account book of John KIERSTED, 1807-62, embracing his many interests as surveyor, speculator, land agent, and conductor of lead-mill and tanning business; account book of James POWERS, assignee of John KIERSTED, 1841-52; Jacob S. BRUYN'S papers, including roll of members of his company of the New York Line (July 14-Aug. 1, 1775), return of officers of his regiment, account book kept by him while prisoner on Long Island, and correspondence concerning the survey and sale of land in the Military Tract granted to him for his war services; correspondence of the Rev. Alexander PROUDFIT, minister of the Associated Reformed Church at Salem, N.Y., 1795-1837, and later connected with the New York Colonization Society. Subjects covered include the efforts to combat Deism; the revivals of 1824 and 1832, life at Princeton and Rutgers, the history of Presbyterianism, the distribution of Bibles and pamphlets before the organization of the "tract" societies, and the establishment of missions among the Oneida and Stockbridge Indians.

19. **LANSING-PRUYN papers,** 1661-1861, 200 items.
Consist chiefly of wills, leases, tax lists, receipts, and inventories pertaining to the LANSING, PRUYN, TEN EYCK, VAN SCHAICK, VISSCHER, and other related families. Included is the original record book kept by Barent BRADT, clerk of Dutch Church in Albany, of the burials from 1722 to 1757 of persons belonging to the church.

20. **Samuel A. LAW papers,** 1795-1887, 10,000 items.
Records of a typical land agent, farmer, and business man in Delaware County during the first half of the 18th century. Collection includes statements of accounts and receipts for payments made to LAW by persons to whom he sold the land in Franklin Patent for their Philadelphia owners (Henry DRINKER, Isaac WHARTON, George CLYMER, James C. FISHER, and Samuel MEREDITH), 35 maps of lands in Franklin Patent, showing surveys, lot divisions, roads, etc., correspondence and daily journals, containing data on LAW'S lumbering, farming, and sheep raising projects, community civic and cultural enterprises, and local, state, and national politics.

21. **Manuscripts miscellaneous,** 13 v.
A distinct collection with this title. Includes letters and papers of various members of the LIVINGSTON family, chiefly correspondence with STORKE and GAINSBOROUGH, London merchants, 1733-38, inventory of sundries provided for President WASHINGTON in 1790, British colonial army papers and accounts, 1752-1807, autograph letters of American officials and authors, some French manuscripts, 1567-1808, and the papers of Sir Edmund WARCUPP relating to the Popish plot.

22. **Manuscripts of the Colony and State of New York in the Revolutionary War,** 1775-1800.
Originally 52 v. in 55, transferred from the State Comptroller's office

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

in 1910. They formed the basis of *New York in the Revolution as Colony and State,* Albany, 1897, 2d ed., 1898, supplement, 1901. About 2/5 of the papers, salvaged in the Capitol fire, are in good condition.

23. **William L. MARCY papers,** 1837-60.

Some 4,000 account books, letters and other papers concerned largely with the history of banks and canals in western New York, especially with New York State's official acts in settling the affairs of banks which failed during the panic of 1837, particularly with the receivership of the Bank of Buffalo.

24. **Charles MASON diaries,** 1836-55, 115 v.

Diaries of Charles MASON, native of Pompey, Onondaga County, attorney, judge, public official, and land and railway speculator, are a running commentary on the political, economic, and social life of the first half of the 19th century. (Typewritten copies of the originals in the custody of the historical department of the State of Iowa at Des Moines; copies also in the Library of Congress.)

25. **New York Colonial Manuscripts,** 1638-1800, 83 v.

Originally 103 v., 20 v. having been destroyed in the Capitol fire. Collection contains colonial government papers on a great variety of topics, among them being the council minutes for the Dutch period, correspondence for the same period with the Dutch West India Company and other American colonies, records of suits involving conflicting land claims, criminal trials, petitions, commissions and appointments, proclamations, muster rolls of colonial troops, and census rolls, all illustrating the civil and political history of the colony from its first settlement to the time of the American Revolution [see *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State,* v. 1, Dutch, 1630-64, v. 2, English, 1664-76 (1865-66)].

26. **New York Colonial Manuscripts, endorsed Land Papers,** 66 v.

27. **New York Council Minutes,** 1668-1783, 28 v.

28. **PHELPS and GORHAM Papers,** 1788-1875, 235 v. and 98 boxes.

Day books, ledgers and cash books, grain books and cattle books, survey and plat books, invoice and sales books, books of title development of various townships with names of settlers, inventories, agreement and contract books, postage books, diaries, and miscellaneous memorandum books, over 200 v.

Letter books of the PHELPSES and their agents, 29 v.

Letters of members of the PHELPS family and of their correspondents, 52 boxes.

Maps of the PHELPS and GORHAM Purchase and of the holdings in 1801 just west of the PHELPS and GORHAM Purchase by the Holland Land Company, the WILLINKS, CAZENOVE, Andrew CRAIGIE, Charles WILLIAMSON, Thomas MORRIS, and others.

Miscellaneous papers consisting of receipts, leases, bonds, mortgages, and other legal documents.

(Materials not confined to New York State, but concern interests in

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

Maine, Vermont, Georgia, Ohio, and Michigan. Included are: papers dealing with the negotiations of PHELPS and GORHAM with the New York Lessee Company and its branch in Canada; a document, dated Feb. 14, 1792, containing the contract whereby Oliver PHELPS and Jeremiah WADSWORTH became joint owners of the Nathaniel GORHAM lands in the Purchase, with the idea of finding a buyer in Europe willing to speculate in American lands; correspondence on attempts to sell lands in Europe and bring over settlers; suits resulting from faulty titles and non-payment, and conflicts between rival speculative groups; letters of Peter B. PORTER, PHELPS'S agent at Canandaigua; correspondence on provisioning of western army posts and on Indian relations; PHELPS'S correspondence with Gideon and Erastus GRANGER, Peter B. and Augustus PORTER, Jeremiah, James and William WADSWORTH, DeWitt CLINTON, Robert TROUP, Charles WILLIAMSON, Melancton SMITH, William WALKER, Israel CHAPIN, Henry DEARBORN, Samuel KIRKLAND and Heman ELY, covering his varied career as Congressman, agent at Indian treaties, army contractor, and land jobber; 14 letters and notes of Joseph BRANT, 1797-1805; and letters of Mark LEAVENWORTH, who lived in Paris with his son-in-law, Oliver L. PHELPS, throwing light on international affairs during the late 1790's, commercial difficulties, and treaty negotiations.)

29. **Zephaniah PLATT papers,** 1774-1807, 200 items.
Include records of conveyances, maps, returns of survey, notes, bills, receipts, indentures, correspondence, and other papers dealing mainly with business matters. Names prominent in the collection include William BEEKMAN, Egbert BENSON, Abraham BRINKERHOFF, George CLINTON, Simeon DeWITT, Robert HARPER, John LAWRENCE, Ezra L'HOMMEDIEU, Melancton SMITH, and Jacobus SWARTWOUT

30. **(George and Frederick) SCRIBA papers,** 1790-1850.
account books, letter books, and survey books, 57 v.
correspondence, 6 boxes.
Maps (30) relating to the SCRIBA patent in Oswego County.
miscellaneous materials, 13 boxes.

31. **Rensselaerswyck MSS.,** 1634-1870.
Originally included some 200 v. of ledger and journal accounts, 1,000 Dutch letters, 3,000 leases, 500 maps and surveys, and 25,000 miscellaneous papers, embracing commissions, land patents, contracts, deeds, poll lists, tax lists, colonial muster rolls, and other papers of a public or semipublic character relating to the territory covered by the former Manor of Rensselaerswyck. The manuscripts salvaged from the Capitol fire include a number of individual items (cited below), nearly all the early Dutch account books, some fifty later account books, Anthony DE HOOGES'S memorandum book, 1643-48, the court records of 1648-52, the letter book of Jeremias VAN RENSSELAER, 1660-74,

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

records of the Tivoli Manufacturing Company, 1836-40, a few letters, muster rolls, and about 1,000 leases. The library also has VAN RENSSELAER BOWIER manuscripts, 1629-96, comprising original and typewritten copies of the letters of Kiliaen VAN RENSSELAER and other papers relating to the colony of Rensselaerswyck, typewritten copies of another collection of Dutch manuscripts (Van Rensselaer Bowier manuscripts, 1574-1795) relating to the VAN RENSSELAER and VAN WELY families in Holland and to the colony of Rensselaerswyck, and the Contracten der Collonie Rensselaerswyck, 1666-1708, comprising a record book of leases and contracts of the colony of Rensselaerswyck.

32. **Van Rensselaer Manor papers.**

leases or parts of leases, 1,000 items.

maps (14) of portions of the East Manor and West Manor.

field notes and surveys of all the towns of the East Manor and of Berne in the West Manor.

miscellaneous papers, including deeds, mortgages, agreements, covenants, and other documents, 500 items.

ledgers and books of record (30) of the proprietor of the manor and of W. S. CHURCH, showing the accounts between the patroon and tenants, and giving the chain of title for much of the land in Albany and Rensselaer counties down to and connecting with the records in the county clerks' offices.

leases and releases, 1794-1842, 6 items, all pertaining to the town of Bethlehem in the West Manor.

33. **VAN SCHAICK papers,** 1715-1831.

Invoices, bills of lading, correspondence, receipted bills, letters from New York consignors, and other papers of Jacob VAN SCHAICK, 18th century Albany merchant, and his descendents in the course of their trade with England and in New York City. Included are documents signed by Stephen DELANCEY, Peter Van Brugh LIVINGSTON, Philip LIVINGSTON, and Evert BANCKER, 1715-87.

Leases, deeds, agreements, maps, and receipts pertaining to land transactions of the VAN SCHAICK family, 1732-1831.

Wills, inventories of estates, receipts and agreements not relating to land, 1722-1816.

Family correspondence, 1738-1822.

Papers relating to holding and sale of negro slaves by the VAN SCHAICK family, 1751-86.

Miscellaneous materials.

34. **VAN VECHTEN collection,** about 5,600 items.

Consists largely of the papers of Abraham VAN VECHTEN (1762-1837), lawyer, recorder of the city of Albany, State senator, assemblyman, attorney-general, member of the constitutional convention of 1821, and Regent of the University of the State of New York. Collection includes:

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—A. Important collections (cont.)

deeds (125), 1712-1828.

original land patents (3), one granted in 1667 by Governor NICOLLS to Abraham STAATS, and two by George CLINTON to Ephraim BLOWER (1790) and John TAYLOR (1791).

wills (15, three of which are in Dutch), 1747-1818.

mortgages, leases, and other legal documents, mostly prior to 1800.

maps and surveys.

briefs on cases in the Albany Mayor's Court, the Supreme Court, the Court of Chancery, and the Court for the Correction of Errors.

papers relating to the Associate Reformed Presbyterian churches of Albany and to Union College.

legal and personal papers, relating to the families of BRADSTREET, CALDWELL, COCHRAN, DUNCAN, DURYEA, FINCK, FONDA, FORSYTH, GROVER, HICKS, JACKSON, LYON, MALIN, NEWKIRK, SCHUYLER, TAYLOR, TEN BROECK, THOMPSON, VANDENBURGH, VAN HORN, VAN RENSSELAER, VAN SCHAACK, and VIELE.

35. **War of 1812 records,** 25 v.

Transferred from the State Comptroller's office in 1910; all were saved in the Capitol fire. The bulk of the collection consists of accounts of the governor, paymasters, and commissaries during the war, papers relating to roads and bridges, field artillery, fortifications on the northern and western frontiers and in New York harbor for the last decade of the 18th century, records of arsenals and military stores, 1795-1821, papers of the Council of Appointment, 1807-17, accounts with the United States, 1816-26, accounts, treaties, and other papers concerning the Indians, 1783-1816, payments to American prisoners of war and Niagara sufferers, and a number of enlistment papers of men who served in the corps of sea fencibles.

B. **Other holdings include:**

1. *Abstracts of land grants,* 1664-1775, 6 v.

Originally 12 v., 6 of which were destroyed in the Capitol fire. Abstracts arranged by counties and give data as to date of grant, name of governor, grantee, description, and amount of quit rent.

2. *Albany Mayor's Court minutes,* 1736-37, 1 v.
3. *Albany Mechanics Society,* 1786-1826, 1 v.
4. *Audited accounts,* 1783-94, 2 v.

Relate largely to the accounts for which certificates were issued for military service in the Revolutionary War.

5. *Daniel Dewey BARNARD papers,* 1840-61, 12 v.

Give a picture of a diplomat's life in Berlin in the middle of the 19th century. Collection includes: despatch books (2), 1850-53; diaries (3), 1850-53, covering the period of his ambassadorship to Prussia; letter books (3), 1850-61; book of letters received, 1840-58; scrapbooks (2) of prints and clippings, and book of photographs of old Albany residents.

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—B. Other holdings (cont.)

6. *"Ensign John BARR'S Book Tioga Septr 13th 1779 Fort Sullivan 1779 1781,"* 1 v.
   Day-to-day account of the activities of John BARR, ensign in the 4th N.Y. Regiment during the Revolutionary War.
7. *Bills which failed to become laws,* 1685-1770, 3 v.
8. *Jesse F. BOOKSTAVER papers,* 1847-89, 17 vols. and 3 boxes.
   Include: letters relating to the settlement of estates, including the liquidation of the holdings of Henry BARCLAY; correspondence concerning BOOKSTAVER'S handling of real estate affairs for clients, including records of land sales, collection, payment of taxes, etc.; account book, 1867-77, containing a record of charges for services; and notes (1872) about the reservation of the right of way through Saugerties for the New York, West Shore and Chicago Railroad Company.
9. *John BURR'S field notes* of 35,000 acres in Great Lot 6, HARDENBERGH Patent, 1 v.
10. *Commissioners at Greenwich,* 1743, 1 v.
    Minutes of the commissioners appointed to reexamine and determine the controversy between Connecticut and the Mohegan Indians.
11. *Deed books of Wilhelm WILLINK,* 1830-33, 1836-37, 2 v.
    Record conveyances of land in Allegany and Cattaraugus counties.
12. *DE PEYSTER-DE LANCEY-WATTS papers,* 40 items, including: "List of 58 persons banished 1779 from the State of New York"; letters (4) of Sir William JOHNSON to his brother-in-law, John WATTS, 1797-1816, throwing light on JOHNSON'S life in Canada, where he fled during the Revolution; Christopher BANCKER'S comments on England's war losses in 1757; Elizabeth Colden DE LANCEY'S letters to her parents, Cadwallader COLDEN and his wife, 1747-48, and papers relating to the estate of Sir Peter WARREN.
13. *Diary of Aaron HAMTON,* 1813, 1 v.
    Notes on a journey from Kingwood, New Jersey, to Lake Erie, recounting experiences and describing conditions of roads and bridges, taverns, villages on tour through Ulster, Greene, Schoharie, Otsego, Oneida, and Madison counties, procedures of the Holland Land Company agency at Batavia, and expenses of moving a family to a new settlement.
14. *Diary of a German officer* who served in New York State with the Hessian troops during the Revolution, 1776-77. Narrates circumstantially his journey to the seaboard, his embarkation, the tedious voyage to this country, and the events which impressed him as worthy of record during his service in the field.
15. *Diary of Sergeant Major William Mitchell STETSON,* during his service with the Northern Army, 1861-64. Daily account of the movements and action of his regiment (STETSON served chiefly with the 99th N.Y. Volunteers-U.C.G. Naval Brigade), including an account of the *Merrimac-Monitor* fight, of which he was an eyewitness.

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16. *Reuben E. FENTON papers.*
    Consist largely of addresses, including one delivered before the Chautauqua County Agricultural Society, 1853, and another favoring BLAINE in 1884, and messages to the Legislature during his governorship, 1865-69, touching on reconstruction and other political matters; also plan for a life of FENTON to 1869.
17. *HARDENBERGH Patent lease and survey book.*
    Photostat of the original volume of survey notes of Great Lots 11 and 25; a few notes cover Great Lots 31 and 36. Those for Great Lot 25 are signed by William and James COCKBURN and are dated in the 1790's and 1800's. In many cases excellent sketch maps of the tracts accompany the descriptions.
18. *Sir William HOWE'S Orderly Book,* Jan.-June, 1777.
    Fills one of the gaps in the series of HOWE'S orderly books printed in the *Collections of the New York Historical Society,* 1884.
19. *Indian treaties,* 2 v.
    Transferred from the Secretary of State's office in 1924.
20. *Journal of the Rev. Timothy Walter COOLEY,* 1803, 1 v.
    Notes on a missionary tour through central New York under the auspices of the Hampshire Missionary Society of the Congregational Church, citing for Oneida, Chenango and Onondaga counties the size of villages, nature of their population, denominations represented, and names of persons baptized.
21. *Journal of Captain John POTTER,* 1778-79, 1 v.
    Kept while serving at Peekskill and White Plains as lieutenant and paymaster of Col. Ezra WOOD'S regiment of Massachusetts militia (photostat).
22. *KIRTLAND papers,* 1829-41, 82 items.
    Letters to Frederick KIRTLAND bearing on religious revivals, elections, projected railroads, wholesale and retail prices, and business practices.
23. *David KNIGHT journal,* 1822-35, 3 v.
    Contain data on national and local elections, explorations of canal routes, visit of LAFAYETTE to Portland in 1825, the launching of steamboats on Lake Erie, the methods of the Holland Land Company in disposing of its lands and exacting payments, forecasts of panic of 1837, and anti-Masonic agitation.
24. *Land Patents.*
    2 v. of Dutch patents, 1630-64, and fragments of original 12 v. of drafts of land patents, 1680-1775.
25. *Legislative papers,* 1780-1803.
    Papers selected from the documents on file in the Senate. Originally 13 v. and index, of which only 4 v. and fragments of 2 others survived the Capitol fire.
26. *John MACOMB letter book,* 1756-60, 1 v.
    Many letters are concerned with the securing of supplies from New

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—B. Other holdings (cont.)

York merchants, notably Waddell CUNNINGHAM and Hugh WALLACE and transporting them to Albany, where MACOMB was engaged as a trader, and show types of merchandise, prices, and the difficulties encountered in collecting on accounts of British officers. Military engagements are chronicled; also correspondence with Hugh GAINE, whom MACOMB supplied with news for his weekly *MERCURY*.

27. *Maps.*

The State Library has a large assortment of manuscript maps. Reference to some has been made in the above citations of organized collections of land papers and other records. Mention might be made here of the *Map of the Survey of New Paltz,* Apr. 4, 1760, by Louis BEVIER, *Map of Oriskany Patent* with lot divisions, 1789, *Map of the division line between Catskill and Coxsackie* made by L. BRONK in 1788, showing location of roads and names of residents, and a number of maps of William COCKBURN, one of the outstanding surveyors and map makers of the second half of the 18th century. Of the latter, the Library has "A map of sundrie patents on the south side of the Mohawk River in the Counties of Albany & Tryon pr. Will COCKBURN A.D. 1775," which includes, in addition to names of patentees, the acreages, dates of granting, and a sketching in and identification of roads, paths, forts, dwelling houses, and churches.

28. *Minute book of the Red Hook Society for the Detection of Horse Thieves,* 1796-1852, 1 v.

29. *Minute book of Total Abstinence Society, Lexington Heights,* 1829-74 (photostat).

30. *Minutes of the Federal Library of Rensselaerville, Albany County,* 1798-1832, 1 v.

31. *Muster roll of Captain Barnardus SWARTOUT'S company of Colonel John FREAR'S regiment of Dutchess County militia,* June 6, 1778 (typewritten and photographic copies).

32. *Muster roll of Colonel Richard INGOLDESBY'S independent company of grenadiers from June 25 to August 24, 1710.* Contains 100 names and is signed by Philip SCHUYLER, K. VAN RENSSELAER, and J. ABEEL.

33. *William NORTH papers,* 1783-1820, 40 items.

Letters and documents of William NORTH, Revolutionary soldier and Federalist office-holder, touching on the Revolution, post-Revolutionary politics, the Constitution and the menace of Jeffersonianism, military preparations for the War of 1812, the westward movement and its influence on politics after 1815, and financial and personal matters. Correspondents include James DUANE, William EUSTIS, and various members of NORTH'S family.

34. *Onondaga commissioners' minutes,* 1798-1802, 2 v.

Records of the commissioners appointed to settle disputes concerning land titles in the military tract in central New York.

35. *Orderly book of the Loyalist Brigadier General Oliver DELANCEY, Jr.,* Feb. 4, 1777-June 30, 1778 (copy).

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36. *Papers relating to the Vermont controversy,* 1777-99, 1 v.
37. *Philip and William Learned Marcy PHELPS papers.*
    Collection consists largely of correspondence and scrapbooks pertaining to the inception, building, and operation of the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad and its subsidiaries (including the Delaware and Hudson canal) and particularly to the litigation in connection with the so-called "raid" on it by the directors of the Erie Railroad. Included are also obituaries of persons identified with the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad, financial statements, lists of stockholders, instructions to employees, legislative petitions, maps, family papers, and other data.
38. *John PORTEOUS papers.*
    Correspondence, notebooks, leases, and miscellaneous mercantile and land papers of John PORTEOUS, merchant and land agent, and of his son-in-law, William ALEXANDER.
39. *Proceedings of the Albany Committee of Correspondence,* 1775-78, 2 v.
40. *Proceedings regarding the boundary line between Massachusetts and Rhode Island,* 1741-42, 1 v.
41. *John V. L. PRUYN papers,* 1832-1928, 11 v.
    Consist largely of private ledgers and the account books kept in connection with the settlement of his estate.
42. *RANSOM collection,* 1788-1850, 515 items.
    Papers of John TAYLER, Charles COOPER, and John Tayler COOPER, including deeds, wills, leases, and correspondence relating to Albany and Schenectady counties. Include the accounts of John TAYLER as clothier general for the Northern Armies during the Revolution and as commissioner of Indian affairs.
43. *Horatio SEYMOUR collection.*
    Consists largely of Governor SEYMOUR'S public papers. Includes also account books, letter and telegraph books, notebooks, and other papers.
44. *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts,* 1704-79.
    Extracts from correspondence with the missionaries T. POYER, S. SEABURY and others, relating to Long Island.
45. *Baron STEUBEN'S Journal,* June 6, 1790-July 13, 1792.
    Photostat copy of the original at the library of the New York Historical Society. Written in French, it covers the period while STEUBEN resided on his farm in central New York and records his daily activities in connection with farming, running his mill, renting out land, and settling his accounts.
46. *STEVENS papers,* 100 v.
    Originally 250 v., about 150 of which were destroyed in the Capitol fire. Collection includes papers of Ethan ALLEN, Ira ALLEN, Heman ALLEN, and Governors JENISON and TICHENOR of Vermont, rolls and accounts of regulars and volunteers and Vermont militia in the War of 1812, Burlington custom-house papers, and papers relating to the Canadian rebellion of 1839-40.
47. *Earl W. STEVENS papers,* 1824-47, 10 v. and 2 boxes.
    Concerned with STEVENS'S medical practice and his land interests in

I. Albany.—New York State Library.—B. Other holdings (cont.)

Columbia County, in Lockport, and in the Connecticut Reserve in Ohio. Included are "diploma" issued by, and certificate of membership in, the Columbia County Medical Society (1823, 1829), daybooks no. 1-3 (1826-40), medical journals no. 2-4 (1824-33), invoice of medicines no. 1 (1826-40), book of remedies (1826), cost and retail prices of medicines (1830), blotter (1831), and receipted bills of patients treated; correspondence after 1831 concerned largely with his holdings in Ohio; included are maps and an account book.

48. *Territorial rights,* 1750-70, 1 v.

Collection of evidence vindicating the rights of New York against the claims of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and "the people of the grants who are commonly called Vermonters."

49. *THOMSON Collection,* 1786-1846, 3,500 items.

Consists of correspondence and accounts of Thomas T. THOMSON, John Alexander THOMSON, and Dr. Thomas THOMSON, letters of Samuel D. DENTON, Mark SPENCER, Abraham EDWARDS, Jesse BUEL, Edwin CROSWELL, Henry BURDEN, and others. Correspondence of Thomas T. THOMSON, mostly with agents in Liverpool. John Alexander THOMSON'S papers contain drafts, orders, receipts, notes and vouchers from many residents of Catskill, and correspondence on agricultural improvements.

50. *VAN ANTWERP papers,* 1747-1844, 72 items.

Include two Revolutionary War items involving Daniel VAN ANTWERP, War of 1812 material of Lieut. Cornelius VAN ANTWERP, including some letters describing activities at Sackett's Harbor and several muster rolls, genealogical data on the VAN ANTWERP family, articles of conveyance of land, receipts, and miscellaneous legal papers.

51. *VAN BERGEN papers,* 1734-1802, 225 items.

Consist largely of letters of Martin Gerritsen VAN BERGEN and accounts and receipts pertaining to transactions in which he was involved as Albany merchant and owner of the sloop *Delancey,* which operated between Albany and New York City; also his account book, 1749-65, and memorandum book of the *Delancey,* 1763-74. Papers after 1775 concern other members of the VAN BERGEN family.

52. *Vermont papers,* some 4,000 items.

Letters dealing with legal and business affairs in Vermont in the first half of the 19th century.

53. *General Gouverneur Kemble WARREN papers.*

Include family correspondence, 1839-65, Civil War records, including maps, war items, engineering reports, and drawings, and miscellaneous papers, letters, and maps pertaining to his engineering work. Also 11 notebooks, 1851-73, kept by him while on engineering and exploring expeditions in the West and South, containing information concerning topographical surveys, the organization of exploring expeditions into the Far West, Indian fights, and mail robberies on the western plains.

54. *WENDELL papers.*

letters and account book, 1713-79 (in Dutch); letters and bills, 1717-

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1807.

papers of Lieut. Henry R. WENDELL, relating to the War of 1812 and to Schenectady and vicinity.

papers dealing with the Revolution, the War of 1812, and early canals, turnpikes, and roads.

55. *In addition,* the library has many account books and ledgers of merchants, Civil War soldiers' letters, and miscellaneous papers of DeWitt CLINTON, George CLINTON, Jelles FONDA, John W. FRANCIS, Major John FREY, the Holland Land Company, Ezra L'HOMMEDIEU, Zephaniah PLATT, Philip SCHUYLER, the Shakers, Col. Philip SKENE, John TAYLER, Martin VAN BUREN, the WADSWORTHS, and many others.

C. **Among the most prized individual manuscript items are:**

1. Charter of the Colony from Charles II to the Duke of York, 1664.
2. Duke's Laws, 1664-65.
3. Dongan Laws, 1683-84.
4. Constitutions of the State of New York, 1777, 1821, 1846, 1894.
5. Proposed constitution of the State of New York, 1867-69 (rejected except for the sixth article).
6. Journal of the Proceedings of the New York Convention to ratify the proposed Constitution of the United States, held at Poughkeepsie, June 17-July 26, 1788.
7. Ratification of the proposed Constitution of the United States by the State of New York in Convention assembled at Poughkeepsie, July 26, 1788.
8. 102 autograph letters and documents of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence.
9. Major John ANDRÉ'S papers, 13 items.
10. draft of Abraham LINCOLN'S first Emancipation Proclamation, Sept. 22, 1862; also only known photograph of the final draft, the original of which was lost in the Chicago fire.
11. George WASHINGTON'S opinion of the surviving generals of the Revolution, probably written in the winter of 1791-92.
12. draft of WASHINGTON'S Farewell Address, written in the spring of 1796.
13. tabulated statement of WASHINGTON'S household expenses in 1789.
14. map of the colony of Rensselaerswyck about 1632.
15. patent of the colony of Rensselaerswyck, 1685.
16. commissions in the militia, as justices of the peace, and as commissioners for Indian affairs, to various members of the VAN RENSSELAER family, 1670-1768, 21 items.
17. commissions to Philip SCHUYLER as Major General in the Continental Army, 1775, and as Surveyor General of the State of New York, 1781.
18. letters of freedom and citizenship of the city of Albany granted to Jeremiah VAN RENSSELAER, 1733, and to Stephen VAN RENSSELAER, 1763.

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19. draft of commission to Teunis VAN DER VOLGEN as deputy ranger of the county of Albany, from Jeremiah VAN RENSSELAER, 1732.
20. draft of a report of General George CLINTON to the commissioners appointed by General WASHINGTON on order of the Congress, to inquire into the conduct of the officers in command of Forts Clinton and Montgomery when in 1777 they fell into the hands of the British. The document is unsigned, but experts agree that it is in CLINTON'S handwriting (see *NEW YORK HISTORY,* Quarterly Journal of the New York State Historical Association, Apr., 1930).
21. the original oaths of office signed and sworn to by George CLINTON on his reelection to the governorship in 1801, 3 items.
22. letter of Philip SCHUYLER to General James CLINTON, Saratoga, May 24, 1781, expressing his regret at having to abandon Fort Schuyler after its recent burning and urging the necessity of his receiving reinforcements.
23. letter, dated Mar. 1, 1776, from James DUANE, John JAY, John ALSOP, and Lewis MORRIS, the New York delegates in the Continental Congress, addressed to the New York Provincial Convention, treating of the necessity for the subordination of the military to the civil authority and the imposition of test oaths by the latter only.

D. **Public Records.**—Rich collection of town, village, county and State records, obtained by gift, purchase or transfer from various governmental departments. Despite heavy losses from fire in 1911, the Library still has what, for the historian, is the most important body of archives in the custody of the State.

1. *Town, village, and county archives include:* assessment rolls; court records; chattel mortgages; acceptances, declinations, and resignations of office; enrollments of persons liable for military duty; miscellaneous military records; bills; bonds; indentures; land records; accounts and claims; maps of town and school boundaries; applications for licenses; minutes of town meetings; reports of highway commissioners; records of overseers of the poor; jury lists; oath books; poll lists, election certificates, registers of electors, and other election materials; vouchers; school records, census and vital statistics records, and other data. Such records are available, in whole or in part, for towns and villages of some 38 counties.
2. *Records of various State departments,* including:

   Office of the Secretary of State: records of State canvass, records of appointments and commissions, certificates of election, election returns, census records, minutes of the Council of Appointment, 1786-1822, 13 vols., land papers—colonial and state, 1642-1803, 63 vols., original letters patent, 1664-1712, 1731-53, 1775-86, 12 vols., records of the Council of Revision, and other data.

   Office of the Adjutant General: records of land grants to soldiers, 1817-1818, military fines, 1836-46, and many Civil War records, including rosters of officers and enrollments, historical notes on various regiments, letters and telegrams respecting military matters, claims for

I. **Albany.—New York State Library (cont.)**

pay, bounties, and pensions, bounty ledgers, volunteer relief payrolls, exemptions from military duty, and other data.

Office of the State Treasurer: records of payments, receipts, and deposits, treasurer's statements and accounts, day books, journals, cash books, letter books, records of loans, bonds, and mortgages, and general indexes.

Office of the Attorney General: abstracts of legal matters, accounts of bonds and mortgages and of lots to be sold, records of interest due on mortgages, miscellaneous letters and papers relating to sales of lands, mortgage sales, and disputed titles, reports to the Comptroller, registers of cases brought before the Attorney-General, account books of costs of suits, and general indexes.

State Conservation Commission: assessment rolls of towns in which the State owns land.

The Executive Chamber: records of correspondence, letter books, applications for various offices, titles of bills received and approved by the Governor, communications on military affairs, ledgers, appointments, messages, and prison records.

Department of Public Instruction: records of normal schools, appointments, and correspondence pertaining to institutions for the blind, deaf, and dumb.

3. *Miscellaneous records of the New York-Pennsylvania Boundary Commission,* including diary of operations, engrossed records, field book, financial papers, letter books, map of survey, and record of monuments.

E. **Church and genealogical records.**—The library has a very extensive collection of church records and biographical and genealogical materials. For a complete list of church records received to June 1917, with statement of contents and dates included, see *New York State Library One-Hundredth Annual Report,* 1917 (Albany, 1918, pp. 31-35). See subsequent reports for accessions.

There are more than 500,000 manuscripts, of which 75% are arranged: individual items by accession number; collections in general, chronologically, or by subjects with chronological arrangement thereunder—variations as needed. There are approximately 80,000 catalogue cards (3 x 5) which show persons, places, and subjects. The library uses the American Library Association book cataloguing rules as a basis, with modifications to suit manuscript material. Manuscript calendars have been made for some collections. Material is available to users upon presentation of identification. Photostatic copies of unrestricted manuscripts are furnished at $.20 and $.40 each for positive and negative prints.

See: New York State Library, *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts (Dutch and English)* (1865-66); *Calendar of N.Y. Colonial Manuscripts Indorsed Land Papers* (1864); *Calendar of Council Minutes* (1902); *Names of Persons for whom Marriage Licenses were Issued . . . Prior to 1784* (1860); *Report of Director of State Library* (1911-—); Library of Congress, *Manuscripts in Public and Private Collections* (1924).

II. Buffalo.—*Buffalo Historical Society Library*

Address: Delaware Park. Director: Robert W. Bingham. Hours: 10 A.M.-5 P.M., weekdays. Union Catalogue location symbol: NBuHi

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—The Society was organized in 1862 "to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to the history of western New York in general, and the city of Buffalo in particular." At present the Society specializes in the collection of material relating to the Niagara frontier. Accessions are made by purchase when funds are available, and by gifts if they pertain to the field in which the Society is interested. Conditional gifts are not accepted, nor does the Society sell or exchange items. The Society is housed in its own building, which was erected for the Pan-American Exposition in 1901. It was built by the State of New York, and in 1902 the State deeded the building to the Society. The building is of marble, has two stories and basement, and is fireproof. There is adequate space for manuscripts.

HOLDINGS

A. **PORTER papers,** 1802-1907, 2,445 items.

Consist chiefly of letters to Peter B. PORTER (1809-44, 1,358 pieces) from business associates, employees, government officials, politicians, military authorities, and friends. Included are 200 Henry CLAY-Peter B. PORTER letters (on deposit), discussing CLAY'S candidacy for president, political parties, Andrew JACKSON, the tariff, cholera, the Cherokee question, nullification, western interests, navigation of the St. Lawrence, land questions, the American System, and other topics of the period. Also miscellaneous papers (439), including indentures, mortgages, bills of sale, patents, maps, surveys, bills, reports, contracts, and other data covering every phase of PORTER'S varied career, and shedding light on land operations, transportation, boat building, river rights, dock sites, wharves, government contracts, the War of 1812, the boundary survey between the United States and Canada, and the affairs of the Niagara Frontier. Included also are correspondence and other papers of Peter A. PORTER (1862-98, 48 items) concerning agreements, chamber of commerce proceedings, and charters at Fort Erie.

B. **Millard FILLMORE letters,** 1849-53, 45 vols., comprising 8,436 letters dealing with abolition, slavery, state rights, Hungarian independence, PERRY'S mission to Japan, the Mormons, our relations with Cuba, Peru, Mexico, and Nicaragua, and other events during his administration as Vice President and President. Correspondents include Daniel WEBSTER, Edward EVERETT, Abbot LAWRENCE, Henry CLAY, Horatio PERRY, Dorothea L. DIX, Horace GREELEY, cabinet members, Government officials, ministers and consuls of foreign powers, editors, educators, and many others.

C. **Maris Bryant PIERCE papers,** 1807-74, 300 items, comprising letters from W. L. BROWN, Lewis CASS, M. L. MARCY, Edward EVERETT, George M. CLINTON, Christopher MORGAN, George W. PATTERSON, Samuel

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PRENTISS, and others, touching on land ownership, western migration, allotment of goods to tribes, Buffalo Creek Reservation, muster rolls of New York Indians, Indian migration to lands west of the Mississippi (1833, 1846), accounts, sermons, essays, letters from Quakers to the Indian Council, census records, ordinances, Treasurer's reports, and family letters.

D. **Holland Land Company papers,** 1792-1850, 40 v. and 200 pieces, including:

1. *Joseph ELLICOTT'S Account and Memorandum Books,* 1792-1813, 6 v.
2. *Letters to J. ELLICOTT,* 1795-1821, 23 v.
3. *Letter copy books of J. ELLICOTT,* 1800-21, 3 v.
4. *Maps,* 1792-1830.
5. *Reports of Joseph ELLICOTT, Jacob S. OTTO, and David E. EVANS* to the proprietors in Holland, 1797-1835, 2 v. (typewritten copies. Originals were deposited in the Economisch-Historische Bibliotheek, Amsterdam, Holland, by Van Eeghen and Co. in 1934).
6. *Exemplification of treaties with Seneca Indians* (1802, 1815, 1830, 1838, 1842).
7. *Original treaty of OGDEN and FELLOWS with Seneca Indians* (1842).
8. *Deeds,* letters of attorney, briefs, arbitration papers, title papers of Farmers Loan and Trust Co., and maps of plots conveyed to many pioneers.

E. **Church Records,** comprising:

1. *Records of the Buffalo Baptist Union,* 1886-97, 6 v., including articles of incorporation, constitution, minutes of meetings, and other data.
2. *Records of the First Presbyterian Church,* 1812-82, 4 v.
3. *St. Paul Church papers,* 1817-55, 5 v. (from collections of Charles W. EVANS).
4. *Constitution and record books of the French Evangelical Protestant Church,* 1851-81.
5. *Miscellaneous materials,* including:

   George H. BALL'S history of the Free Will Baptist Churches comprising the Erie Quarterly Conference, 1867; P. J. FERRIS'S history of the Buffalo Baptist Union, 1880-84, 2 v.; Horace BRIGGS'S record of the Presbytery of Buffalo and its churches, 1907, 1 v.; W. E. GIBBS'S sermon at the fiftieth anniversary of the First Universalist Society of Buffalo; Henry R. HOWLAND'S personal recollections of old St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church; William J. LEGG'S paper on St. Luke's Episcopal Church, read on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the parish, 1932; and other data.

F. **Public Records,** including:

1. *Minutes of Buffalo Town Meetings,* 1814-32.
2. *Minutes of the Board of Supervisors of Erie County,* 1825, 1842, 1844, 1852.
3. *Village of Buffalo Tax Roll,* 1816, 1 v.
4. *Niagara City Association (Buffalo) Schedule and Valuation of Property,* with records of expenditures and receipts by the trustees, 1836-39, 1 v.

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5. *Subscription book for building the first school house in Buffalo,* Mar. 29, 1807-May 23, 1809.
6. *Quarterly returns of the Williamsville Post Office to the General Post Office,* 1816-22, and papers of Isaac F. BOWMAN, postmaster, 1818-21.
7. *Miscellaneous materials,* including jury lists (1808-28), peddlers licenses (1814-38), papers relating to highways (1812-80), railroads (1834-84), prisons (1820-1902), and insolvency (1810-63), records of indictments for counterfeiting and forgery in Erie County (5 folders), replevins (1834-43), complaints and civil actions (1812-46), convictions and acquittals (1820-26), writs of inquiry (1812-46), indictments (1808-1906), and other data.

G. **Military Records,** including:

1. *Major James NORRIS'S Journal of the expedition of Gen. SULLIVAN against the Indians,* 1779.
2. *Major John BURROWS' Journal of the SULLIVAN-CLINTON Campaign,* 1779.
3. *Journal of John ZELLER,* 1798-1813, comprising an account of travel and military service on the Ohio, in Kentucky and Indiana, and in the campaign under General HARRISON.
4. *War of 1812* papers, including inventories of losses on the Niagara Frontier.
5. *Civil War records,* including:

   Adj. Gen. Albert W. BISHOP papers, 1860-65, relating chiefly to events of the Civil War in Arkansas.

   Muster roll, 49th Regiment, N.Y. Vol., Capt. William F. WHEELER, Co. D, Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 1861.

   Muster roll, 21st Regiment, N.Y. Vol., Buffalo, May, 1863.

   U.S. Commissary Department Account Book, 2d Army Corps, Brooks Station, 1863.

   Miscellaneous materials, including:

   Official Minutes of Chapin Post, G.A.R., 1894-1915, 20 v.; Major George H. STOWITS'S biographical data on officers of the 100th Regiment, N.Y. Vol., 1854-1904; Minutes of the Buffalo Mayor's Military Committee, July 5-Oct. 8, 1862; other histories of Buffalo companies and of citizens' associations; and miscellaneous correspondence and other papers of Confederate and Union men.

H. **Other holdings include:**

1. *Francis Adrian VAN DER KEMP papers,* 1788-1829, 10 v., comprising autobiography, sermons, letters from De Witt CLINTON and Thomas JEFFERSON, addresses, diplomas, commissions, and researches.
2. *Records of Boundary Survey between the United States and Canada under the Treaty of Ghent,* 1816-27, including journal of commissioners, surveys, and reports.
3. *DOBBINS papers,* 1776-1892, comprising correspondence, articles of agreement, bills of lading, statements of accounts, orders, plans of

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piers and waterfronts, log entries, account books, and daybooks of Daniel, David Porter, and William W. DOBBINS, concerning shipping on the Great Lakes. (Partly printed in the Buffalo Historical Society *Publications,* VIII.)

4. *Oliver FORWARD papers,* 1797-1829, relating mainly to Indian treaties and FORWARD'S trial for misconduct while collector of the Port of Buffalo.
5. *Matthew M. HALL papers,* 1833-42, concerning canal construction matters.
6. *Indian Mission Records of Cattaraugus Reservation,* 1827-62, 3 v.
7. *Proceedings of the Committee of Safety and Relief for Sufferers on the Niagara Frontier,* 1814, 2 v.
8. *Narrative and Journal of John M. McLEAN,* 1819-44, concerning his service with the Hudson Bay Company in Canada. Included are copies of correspondence with Sir George SIMPSON, Governor of Rupert's Land.
9. *Letter books of PHYN and ELLICE,* Schenectady merchants, 1767-76. Include letters to Sir William JOHNSON, Col. John BRADSTREET, Capt. John BUTLER, John PORTEOUS, Norman McLEOD, James DUANE, and others prominent in business and military affairs.
10. *Joseph ROSSEEL papers,* 1761-1826, including deeds, correspondence, and other papers relating to his role as land agent for David PARISH of Ogdensburg, New York.
11. *Account books of William WILLIAMS* (1798-1815, 2 v.) *and H. W. MATTESON* (1849, 1 v.), tradesmen near Canandaigua, *and of J. CUMMINGS* (1807-16, 1 v.), trading at Chippewa.
12. *Ms. Grammar of the Iroquois Language,* compiled by Eleazar WILLIAMS, missionary to the Indians.
13. *Miscellaneous materials* including: Juba STORRS & Co. papers, 1810-20, 1 v.; Jonas HARRISON letter book, 1813-19, 1 v.; H. B. POTTER, letter copy book, 1838-45, 1 v.; private journals of H. R. STORRS, 1825-30, 6 v.; papers of Absalom BULL, Sylvester CHAMBERLIN, Grover CLEVELAND, Robert FLEMING, Jabez GOODELL, Erastus GRANGER, Samuel D. HARRIS, Robert HUDSON, Maurice KINGSLEY, C. A. ORR, Jasper PARRISH, John PORTEOUS, Sheldon C. TOWNSEND, Albert H. TRACY, and many others; papers relating to Black Rock Ferry (1821-51) and Black Rock Harbor (1822-35); bills of early Buffalo firms and taverns (1820-39); petitions to the Legislature for a railroad from Buffalo to Batavia, 1835; materials collected in 1847 by H. SALISBURY for a history of Buffalo, consisting of statements of old residents; genealogical data on Buffalo families; and diaries, scrapbooks, deeds, patents, leases, maps, plans for streets, and papers concerning banks, business, corporations, cemeteries, churches, clubs, courts, elections, Indians, marriages, medicine, military affairs, politics, schools, and other matters dealing with early Buffalo.

There are 150 volumes and approximately 150,000 pieces. All holdings have been arranged, except recent accessions; and work on the latter is

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progressing as rapidly as possible. All accessions have been catalogued on 1,650 index cards (3 x 5) which cite persons, places, dates, subjects, and cross-reference information. Persons engaged in research may have access to the material upon application to the director and under supervision. There is no photostatic department, but arrangements may be made for the copying of manuscripts.

See: Buffalo Historical Society *Publications,* 1879–; *Rough List of Manuscripts in the Library of the Buffalo Historical Society* (Buffalo, 1910), 65pp., reprinted from Buffalo Historical Society *Publications,* XIV.

III. Canandaigua.—*Ontario County Historical Society*

Address: 55 N. Main Street. Curator: Mrs. Ralph O. Stratton. Hours: 2 P.M.-5:30 P.M.; 7 P.M.-8:30 P.M., weekdays; closed Wednesday evening during the summer. Union Catalogue location symbol: NCanHi.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—The Society was founded July 16, 1902, to discover, procure, and preserve whatever may relate to the history of Ontario County and western New York. It is housed in a two-story, fireproof, brick building, constructed in 1914, with adequate space for records.

HOLDINGS

A. **Original Papers relating to the PHELPS and GORHAM Purchase,** 1784-1818, 200 pieces, comprising deeds, bonds, receipts, bills, letters, and maps relating to Ontario County history. Included are the original deeds, agreements and letters relating to the PHELPS and GORHAM Purchase, through which title to all the central western portion of New York State was transferred from Massachusetts and from the Indian inhabitants to the men who were destined to open it to settlement. Among these are: the act of the Massachusetts legislature authorizing the sale to PHELPS and GORHAM, Mar. 31, 1788; original grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to PHELPS and GORHAM, signed by Governor John HANCOCK, April 23, 1788; agreement between PHELPS and GORHAM and the Senecas, made at Buffalo Creek, July 4, 1788, for the Indian rights to the 2,600,000 acre tract, which became known as the PHELPS and GORHAM Purchase; deed of PHELPS and GORHAM to Robert MORRIS, Nov. 18, 1790, with map of lands; articles of agreement between Robert MORRIS, Nathaniel GORHAM and Oliver PHELPS, Nov. 18, 1790; deed of Robert MORRIS to Oliver PHELPS and Thomas MORRIS, Nov. 27, 1797; letters from GORHAM to PHELPS, Aug. 10, 1790, in regard to sale to Robert MORRIS; letters from Aaron BURR, Joseph ELLICOTT, Moses CLEVELAND, Joseph BRANT, Jasper PARRISH, Erastus GRANGER, Robert MORRIS, Rev. Samuel KIRKLAND (1792), Timothy PICKERING (July 10, 1791), and General Israel CHAPIN; depositions of James WADSWORTH (1791), and Samuel KIRKLAND, James DEAN (1790), and Elisha LEE (1791) with respect to treaty with the Indians; accounts of PHELPS and GORHAM sales to settlers, 1789-90; draft of will of Oliver PHELPS, drawn at Suffield, Conn., 1796; receipts for Indian annuities, containing Indian signatures; and two books of original field maps of the PHELPS and GORHAM Survey.

B. **(Sir William PULTENEY) JOHNSTONE papers,** 1791-1854, 350 items among which are the original deed and preliminary papers relating to land transactions of the Genesee country and the PULTENEY family. Included are: the preliminary articles of agreement between William Temple FRANKLIN, grandson of Benjamin FRANKLIN, acting for Robert MORRIS, and Sir Patrick COLQUHOUN, one of the London financiers who acquired possession of the lands of western New York, signed at London, Feb. 15, 1791; the original

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deed of sale, Mar. 17, 1791; draft power of attorney, 1812, to Robert TROUP, reciting death of Sir William PULTENEY, May 30, 1805, and subsequent devolutions of the administration; copies of papers relating to the HORNBY, COLQUHOUN, and PULTENEY estates in Western New York, 2 v.; record and minute book of the meetings between Sir William PULTENEY, Sir William HORNBY, and Patrick COLQUHOUN, during and after the negotiations with FRANKLIN; memorandum of cash transactions (in London) by Masterton URE, Apr.-Dec. 1812; memorial on the state of the JOHNSTONE trusts by Masterton URE, sole acting executor of Sir John Lowther JOHNSTONE, Dec., 1826; and other papers.

C. **Papers relating to the Pickering Treaty.**—Include: Indians' copy of the treaty between the U.S. and the Six Nations of Indians concluded at Canandaigua, Nov. 11, 1794, signed by Timothy PICKERING, Commissioner for the Government, and by about sixty of the War Chiefs and Sachems of the Six Nations; ratification of the Pickering Treaty, signed by Edmund RANDOLPH, Secretary of State, Jan. 22, 1795, attesting to the fact that it is a true copy of the original certificate deposited in the office of the Department of State (now in the National Archives, Washington, D.C.); and statement by Timothy PICKERING, November 16, 1794, commending the help and influence of one of the War Chiefs (Little Billy) at the Conference held in Canandaigua in Nov. 1794.

D. **Other holdings include:**

1. *Original maps of Genesee Country.*
2. *Letters concerning Indian annuities,* 1840-47, 27 items.
3. *Papers relating to Indian lands in western New York* (Cattaraugus and Allegany counties).
4. *Memorandum on the notorious Ogden Land Company* in the autograph of Duncan CAMPBELL.
5. *Early papers pertaining to the Congregational Church of Canandaigua,* including subscription lists, vouchers, and other materials. One interesting item is entitled "Valuation and Tax of Worshipers," 1803.
6. *Record book of the Naples Presbyterian Church,* 1815-39.
7. *Copy of Rev. Samuel KIRKLAND'S Journal,* Nov. 16, 1764-June 1765 (original in the library of the Buffalo Historical Society).
8. *Copy of Journal of Bishop CAMMERHOFF and Rev. David ZEISBERGHER,* Moravian Missionaries, telling of their journey from Bethlehem, Pa., to Onondaga, N.Y., and return in 1750 (original in the archives of the Moravian Church at Bethlehem, Pa.).
9. *Records of the Canandaigua Academy.*

   Original charter from the Regents of the University of the State of New York, signed by George CLINTON, Chancellor, 1795.

   Agreement between trustees of Canandaigua Academy and Thomas MORRIS, 1804.

   List of Pupils, 1830-36; Roll Call Book, 1856-57; List of Teachers and Pupils, 1853-74.

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10. *Constitution and Secretary's Book of the Canandaigua Society of Literature and Science,* including signatures of members, 1840-42.
11. *Geneva Division No. 2 Sons of Temperance of Western New York,* Secretary's Book, 1867-70.
12. *Ontario County Lyceum Secretary's Book,* citing constitution, members, and proceedings of the Lyceum, founded in 1831.
13. *Union Library Society, Town of Seneca.*
    Early Secretary's Records, Register, Original Subscribers' Signatures, 1798.
    Record Book, 1815-53.
    Accessions Book (accessions nos. 1-896).
14. *Oliver L. PHELPS papers,* including: daily journal of trip to Europe, 1795; appointment of Oliver L. PHELPS as postmaster at Canandaigua, May 13, 1810, by Gideon GRANGER, Postmaster-General; letters (28) written at Yale College, 1791-95; and letters (23) written from Paris, 1796-97.
15. *Town records.*
    Assessment rolls of the Town of Manchester, N.Y., 1830-33.
    Assessment rolls of the Town of South Bristol, N.Y., 1846-47.
    First Supervisors' Book of the Town of Bloomfield, N.Y., 1796-1865.
    Victor, N.Y., Militia Documents, including Muster Roll, 1835-46.
    Canandaigua School District No. 2, Reports of Town Meetings, 1814-50; includes Centrefield and surrounding country.
16. *Journals of Officers in Expedition of Maj. Gen. John SULLIVAN against the Indians* in 1779, 6 v. (Copies of originals in the archives of the New York Historical Society.)
17. *Miscellaneous Materials,* including: day books of Charles WILLIAMSON, 1801-03, 3 v.; William RICHARDSON, May-Dec. 1859, 1 v.; Charles WOOD, 1841-50, 1 v.; and Ignatius DAVIS, 1797-1801, 1 v.; commission of the Marquis de DENONVILLE as Governor-General of Canada, Jan. 1, 1685, signed by King LOUIS XIV of France and COLBERT, his Minister of Finance; autograph letters of statesmen, authors, and U.S. presidents; original narrative, 1822, of Jasper PARRISH, Indian agent and interpreter, who was taken captive by the Indians in the Revolutionary War, and his last will and testament, probated Sept. 8, 1836; letters of Robert MORRIS, Amasa JACKSON, Zachariah SEYMOUR, Gideon GRANGER, James and William WADSWORTH, and others; and other data.

There are "several thousand" manuscripts, 75% of which have been arranged alphabetically and chronologically thereunder. Approximately 350 cards (3x5 and 4x6) catalogue the pieces, often several entries on one card; the cards show subject, name, and file number. Material is available under supervision. There is no copy service.

IV. Elmira.—*Chemung County Historical Society*

Address: Corner East Church and Lake Streets. County Historian: Abner C. Wright. Hours: 9 A.M.-5 P.M., weekdays, or any time by appointment. Union Catalogue location symbol: NElmHi.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—The Society was founded in 1923 to collect material for historical purposes. Gifts or loans of historical value are welcomed and purchases depend upon the financial status of the Society. It is housed in a two-story, fireproof, stone and brick building, constructed in 1921, with adequate space for storage and use of records. The building also houses the Steele Memorial Library.

HOLDINGS

A. **Records of the Baptist Church,** 1789-1893, 3 vols.

Minutes and other records of the first church of any denomination organized in Chemung valley. In addition to records of proceedings and membership, there are records of settlement of boundary disputes and other data vital to the history of the Chemung valley.

B. **Records of Mercantile and other Business Transactions,** including:

1. *Invoices, bills, and letters,* 1783, 1796-1815, 125 pieces, relating to the trading post originally conducted by Matthias HOLLENBECK and Jacob WISE (WEISS) in the Wyoming valley; also two letters from Guy MAXWELL to HOLLENBECK, 1797, regarding business transactions.
2. *Day book of Guy TRACY and Richard LOCKWOOD,* 1844-46, Wellsburg merchants.
3. *Cash books of S. S. HUTCHINSON,* 1862-74, 4 vols.
4. *Day books* of Dr. Lewis BEERS, Stephen CASADAY, BEERS and CASADAY, Jacob DICHER, and others, 1806-66.
5. *Account books* of Stephen TUTTLE, 1799-1809, 2 vols., Matthias HOLLENBECK, 1818-23, 2 vols., and the NEWTON store at Wellsburg, 1795-1810.

C. **Miscellaneous Military Records,** including:

1. *Records of General SULLIVAN'S expedition* against the Indians, containing Nathaniel WEBB'S journal and other reports of battles.
2. *Civil War* records, comprising:

   Commissar's report, Civil War Prison Camps at Elmira, 1862.

   Pencil sketches of Rebel prisoners at Elmira prison camps, 1864, by W. NEWMAN.

   Expense account of C. A. ARTHUR, U. S. Army Quartermaster, 1862.

   Muster Roll Co. D, 107th Regiment, 1862-63.
3. *World War* records, 800 items, including:

   Registration board records of enlistments, Federal draft regulations, honor roll, correspondence, reports, list of persons in service, and Elmira draft board register, 1917-18.

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4. *Other records* include:
   Minutes and enlistment roll of Co. E, 110th battalion, National Guard, 1878-90.

D. **Genealogies of Early Families,** 1633-1869, 195 items, including notes and family records of the following: GIBBS family, started in England, 1633; Tjerck Claessen DE WITT, started in Holland, 1656; Madam MONTOUR and family, by General John S. CLARK, started in France, 1668; Jacob LOWMAN family, by Robert McDOWELL, 1792; Luther WRIGHT family, by Harvey WRIGHT and descendants, 1763; John and Josiah NEWELL family, 1802; Col. John FRANKLIN and son Billa, by Z. F. WALKER, 1824; Nathan TEALL family, 1763; SWAIN family, 1869; and Major Robert M. McDOWELL, 1856-68.

E. **Other holdings** include:

1. *Records of Fraternal Organizations:*
   Lodge books of Independent Order of Odd Fellows, 1846-1925, 28 vols., comprising minutes, treasurer's accounts and records of initiations, suspensions, elections, withdrawals, dismissal, and deaths of members of Chemung Lodge #127, Newton Lodges #89 and #254, Degree Lodge #89, and Fort Hill Encampment #33.
   History of Katona Rebekah Lodge #648 of Wellsburg.
   Records of the Masonic Lodge of Chemung County, 1793-1920.
   Constitution of the Children of Israel, Jewish religious society, 1862.
2. *Hiram GRAY papers,* 1833-44, including a record of his appointment as judge of the 7th Circuit Court, Elijah GRISWOLD'S land patent, sheriff's deed to Chemung Canal Bank, correspondence, and certificates of stock to Corning Bank.
3. *WISNER Family papers,* 1817-63. Records of deeds, bonds, mortgages, and other papers of Henry and John WISNER.
4. *Minute books and records of Elmira Mechanics Library,* 1833-62.
5. *Court Records,* including minutes of trial of Wellsburg horse thieves (1850), record of trial and civil action, People vs. Abner WELLS (1859), and "Supreme Court Docket," 1859-61.
6. *Diaries of W. C. POTTER* (1857-58, 1 vol., notes of events in the life of POTTER, artist and local explorer) *and J. W. PICKERING* (1860, 1 vol., incidents in his life as soldier).
7. *Log Book of Ross MARVIN on S. S. Roosevelt,* wintering at Cape Sheridan, Peary Arctic Expedition, 1906, 1 vol.
8. *Maps* of Tioga and Tompkins Counties, 1829, and of Elmira, 1837.
9. *Copy of original minutes* of the village of Elmira, 1828-50.
10. *Historical sketches of Elmira and Chemung County,* compiled by W. H. ARNOLD, former county historian, including data on Chemung Valley, population of Elmira, organization of Elmira Farmers Club, history of the Chemung Canal Trust Co., and lumber operations in Chemung Co.
11. *Manuscripts of Abner Casaday WRIGHT,* 1592-1875, 10 folders, containing much historical data and records of incidents not found elsewhere,

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carefully compiled and copied by the present county historian.

12. *Record book of German Library Association,* 1869-71.
13. *Miscellaneous Materials,* including: school records, 1817-1912; subscription book for soldiers' monument, 1878; Chemung Canal history, 1830-33; record of newspapers published in Elmira, 1815-1935, names and locations of glens, bridges, roads, brooks, creeks, communities, and mountains in Chemung Co.; assessment roll and tax warrants, town of Newton, (now part of Elmira), Tioga Co., 1794-95, 11 pieces; arbitration papers in the estate of Abrigal COLVIN, Dec. 15, 1789; biographical sketches of early residents of Chemung Co.; manuscripts on Indian history; a volume of "Reminiscences of the Underground Railway" (undated); manuscripts on relics and early trails in Chemung Co.; a history of the Chemung County Agricultural Society, 1851; Henry POTTER manuscripts on military life, 1830-47, 8 items; records of conveyances, maps and surveys; names of early silversmiths of Elmira, 1832; Elmira Academy roll call book, 1864; account of opening of Indian grave by researchers of Wyoming Valley Historical Assn., 1883; record books of the Elmira and Chemung County Fire Department, 1839-85, 9 vols.; registers of Haight's Hotel, 1862-64, and City Hotel, Elmira, 1864-65, 2 vols.; scrapbooks of the MANWARING family, 1847-55, and of Matt LOCKWOOD, 1811-1902; records of the Chemung County Female Missionary Society, including its constitution (1818) and teachers' reports; and other data.

There are 4,796 items, including 94 vols. The material is arranged alphabetically by subject and chronologically thereunder. There is no catalogue. Material is available under supervision of the historian. Photostat service at current rates.

V. Kinderhook.—*Columbia County Historical Society*

Librarian: Miss Louise Hardenbrook. Hours: June through December, 10 A.M.-6 P.M., daily; January through May, by appointment. Union Catalogue location symbol: NKindHi.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—The Columbia County Woman's Society was organized April 14, 1916, and an associate organization for men was established three years later. The Society became known as the Daughters of Columbia County Historical Society, and in March 1925 it acquired the House of History at Kinderhook. In May 1926 the name was changed to Columbia County Historical Society, with a branch in Albany still known as the Daughters of Columbia County Historical Society. Its chief purpose is "to stimulate interest in the history and geography of Columbia County and to collect and preserve documents and other data relative to said County." Manuscripts are acquired through gifts and conditional deposits, and purchases are made to the extent that funds permit. The House of History, which serves as a museum and library, is a two-story, non-fireproof, brick building, erected by James Vanderpoel about 1810. The most important manuscripts are kept in a safe, and others in steel file cases. Space is adequate, but the expansion of the Society's holdings will necessitate more adequate facilities for their storage.

HOLDINGS

A. **VAN ALSTYNE Collection,** 1686-1836, 81 items.

Relates mainly to the real estate and other business operations of Philip V., Abraham P., and John P. VAN ALSTYNE. Includes bills, bonds, records of sale of slaves, deeds, releases, and other agreements involving land transactions in the vicinity of Kinderhook, Claverack, and Canaan. Names prominent in the collection include John H. BEECKMAN, Rutger BLEECKER, Albert HOES, Cornelius SCHERMERHORN, Samuel TEN BROECK, John VAN ALEN, Barent VAN DER POEL, Johannes VAN DEUSEN, Henry and John VAN RENSSELAER, Isaac VOSBURGH, and others.

B. **VAN SCHAACK Collection,** 1769-1872, 7 v. and 40 pieces, including:

1. *Journal* of Peter VAN SCHAACK (?), 1769-95, 1 v., containing accounts for legal services rendered to clients, among whom were Dr. Samuel BARD, Gerard BEEKMAN, John DE NOUELLIS, Cornelius DE PUYSTER, James DUANE, Jellis FONDA, Edward HOFFMAN, John SCHUYLER, Barent VAN DER POEL, David VAN NESS, Henry VAN SCHAACK, and others.
2. *Register of Supreme Court Cases of Peter VAN SCHAACK,* 1790-1819, 1 v., citing cases and their disposition.
3. *Account Books,* 1785-1835, 2 v., comprising itemized accounts of expenses entailed in the management of Peter VAN SCHAACK'S estates and records of personal and household expenditures.

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4. *Account Book of David VAN SCHAACK and Abraham VAN ALSTYNE,* as executors of the last will and testament of Peter HOES, 1846-49, 1 v.
5. *David VAN SCHAACK'S Account Book,* 1849-69, 1 v., containing accounts of individuals stopping at the Kinderhook Academy Boarding House.
6. *David VAN SCHAACK'S Day Book,* 1866-72, 1 v., citing payments on notes, bonds, and mortgages and other financial data.

C. **VAN BUREN Collection,** 1787-1874, 87 items, comprising deeds, accounts, notes, bonds, mortgages, receipts, appointments, correspondence, and other papers of Martin, Lawrence, Abraham, and John VAN BUREN. In addition to routine business papers and correspondence, the collection includes: deeds, field notes, mortgages, and memoranda relating to "Lindenwald," the home of President Martin VAN BUREN, and involving Peter VAN NESS, William, Lambert, and James VAN ALSTYNE, Lucas GOES, William PAULDING, Lambert and James DINGMAN, Peter I. HOES, Martin, John, Abram, and Smith T. VAN BUREN, Leonard W. JEROME, George WILDER, and others; papers relating to the New York Militia, 1812-13; Town officers' account of money received from Lawrence VAN BUREN, Supervisor of the Town of Kinderhook, 1845, and list of accounts payable to the Supervisor of the Town of Kinderhook, 1851; appointments of Lawrence VAN BUREN as Kinderhook postmaster, 1853, 1866, and of Abraham A. VAN BUREN as Surrogate of Columbia County, Apr. 6, 1836; land office certificates (2) granted to Jabez W. THROOP by President Martin VAN BUREN (1837, 1839); letters from Harriet BUTLER to Martin VAN BUREN (1837-53, 6 items, five of which were printed in *The Bulletin* of the Columbia County Historical Society, July, 1938, pp. 15-19); "Notes concerning Christina Marie Cynthia CANTINE and President VAN BUREN," by Franklin W. HEATH, Oct. 1935; and original letter of Samuel J. TILDEN, Sept. 11, 1871, expressing the hope that delegates eminent for judgment and integrity will be sent to the State Convention, referring to "centralism in government and corruption in administration" as "the twin evils of our times," and suggesting that the time had arrived to start his campaign.

D. **Fitch C. BRYANT papers,** 1810-52, 44 items, comprising receipts, notes, school records, and business and personal correspondence of various members of the FITCH family, particularly William and Edmund FITCH. Included are: school notes of Tilton FRENCH, Schodack teacher, citing records of students (among them Mary FITCH) who committed to memory and repeated texts of Scriptures, 1820; letter from Edmund FITCH, 1839, discussing the anti-rent agitation in Albany and Rensselaer Counties and the unpopularity of Governor SEWARD (Governor "Small Potatoes") for calling out the troops; and another letter from Edmund FITCH, 1841, stating that he lost his post in the Customs House in New York for no fault, his only sin being in once having resided in the vicinity of Kinderhook, "where the influence of 'the Little Magician' might have contaminated me," and reflecting that "the people have yet to learn that they have been deceived, and that the dictation of Daniel

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WEBSTER, a high toned Hartford Convention federalist and opposer of the war, now rules at Washington."

E. **CHACE Collection,** 1792-1832, 55 items.

Consists of personal and business papers of the CHACE family, early residents of Austerlitz. Included are receipted bills of William CHACE (some for teaching school), bonds, notes, inventories of property, survey of William CHACE's farm (1804), will of Abraham CHACE (Dec. 3, 1794), deeds, and other data. Names prominent in the collection include Asa EMMONS, Darius MINER, Philip SCHUYLER, Jacob R. and James VAN RENSSELAER, and others.

F. **Jesse MERWIN papers,** 1811-51, 32 items.

Include receipts, insurance policies, bills, specifications, promissory notes, indentures, and correspondence of Jesse MERWIN, who was the original Ichabod CRANE of Washington IRVING'S noted narrative "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

G. **Hudson Aqueduct Company papers,** 1784-1857, 56 items, including deeds executed to the company, surveys, appraisals, leases, receipts, contracts, and records of litigation. Names cited include James BEDELL, Theophilus E. BEEKMAN, George W. BRADLEY, William E. DODGE, John HATHAWAY, George ROBINSON, John TEN BROECK, Jehoiakim A. and J. A. VAN VALKENBURGH, and others.

H. **John GROAT papers,** 1813-65, 11 items, including receipted bills for the purchase of merchandise, check on the Bank of Kinderhook, signed by Isaac VAN VALKENBERG (1865), records of GROAT'S enlistment in the Kinderhook Light Infantry, bearing signature of Capt. I. P. BEEKMAN (Aug. 18, 1819), and William LOCKE'S certificate of discharge from naval service as Master at Arms on U.S. Steamer "Pembina," Aug. 14, 1865.

I. **PRUYN Collection,** 1731-74, 5 items, including: patent for 6,000 acres, comprising the northern part of the district south of Rensselaerswyck and east of the DE BRUYN Patent, granted by George II, Oct. 6, 1731, to Burger and Lambert HUYCK, Peter VAN ALEN, Johannes VOSBURGH, Joachim KALLIER, Isaac VOSBURGH, John VAN ALSTYNE, Johannis TEN BROECK, and Casper ROUSE; confirmation by George II, May 24, 1750, of patents granted to Evert LUCAS and John Hendricks BRUYN (by Thomas DONGAN), Dirk WESSELS and Peter VAN AALEN (by Richard NICOLLS), and John Hendrix BRUYN (by Francis LOVELACE); record of proceedings (Aug. 10, 1762) of commissioners appointed to partition among 31 freeholders lands granted by James II, Mar. 14, 1686; map of Kinderhook, 1763 (copy of original in the Office of the Clerk, Albany Co.); and map and survey of tract near Kinderhook granted by letters patent to Jan Hendrickse DE BRUYN, made by John R. BLEECKER at the request of Lucas VAN ALEN, Johannis and Barent VAN DER POEL, and Henry A. VAN DYCK, Apr. 1774.

J. **Church and Cemetery Records,** including:

1. *Records of the Dutch Reformed Church in Kinderhook,* 1716-1864, 3 v.

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(typewritten copies) transcribed by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and edited by Royden W. VOSBURGH, 1920-21. Include record of original subscribers and members of the Consistory in 1716, membership lists, and records of births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

2. *Records of the Claverack Reformed Dutch Church,* 1727-1850, 4 v. (typewritten copies), comprising records of baptisms and marriages.
3. *Records of Valatie Presbyterian Church,* 1833—, 1 v. (typewritten copy), compiled by Louise HARDENBROOK, 1935. Includes an historical sketch of the Church, certificate of incorporation, list of pastors, elders, and organists, and records of membership (1835-1927), baptisms (1848-76, 1902-33), marriages (1848-75, 1901-33), and deaths (1858-72, 1901-06).
4. *Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Canaan,* 1824-74, 1 v., including list of membership, consistory minutes, notes on baptisms, and data on church expenses; also record of membership in the Congregational Church at Austerlitz, 1801.
5. *Records of Ancram Methodist Episcopal Church,* 2 v., including a record book (1861-92) of baptisms, marriages, pastors, official members, classes and probationers, and a day book (1902-24), citing receipts, disbursements, subscriptions, and membership.
6. *Records of First Christian Church of Canaan,* 1822-67, 1 v., including Consistory minutes and records of membership, disbursements, and various church activities.
7. *Record book and history of the Lutheran Church, Valatie, N.Y.,* 1826-83, 1 v. (typed copy).
8. *Sermons* (in Dutch) delivered by the Rev. John GEBHARD, pastor of the Claverack Reformed Dutch Church (1773, 1 v.), and Rev. John SICKLES of Kinderhook (1799, 1 v.).
9. *Cemetery Records,* 6 v. and 40 pieces, comprising typewritten copies of tombstone inscriptions taken from church, town, and private cemeteries in Valatie, Chatham, Hillsdale, Ghent, Austerlitz, Spencertown, Germantown, North Germantown, Canaan, Gallatin, Greenport, New Britain, Red Rock, and other places in Columbia County. Compilers include Mrs. Harriet K. VAN ALSTYNE, Louise HARDENBROOK, Ralph PHILLIPS, Charlotte T. LUCKHURST, Henry O. ROCKEFELLER, Henry W. GEORGE, and Daughters of Columbia County Historical Society.
10. *Subscription list for the erection of a Baptist Church at Malden Bridge,* 1839.

K. **Public Records:**

1. *Records of the Town of Austerlitz,* including assessment rolls, 1827, 1836, 1837, 1848, 1852, 1867, 6 v.; registers of electors, 1862, 1864, 1866, 5 v. (also 3 undated volumes); military rolls, 1853, 1 v. (also 1 undated volume); and bond issued to Ebenezer REED for money loaned to the town for the payment of bounties due Civil War volunteers, 1863.

V. Kinderhook.—Columbia County Historical Society (cont.)

2. *Records of the Town of Kinderhook,* including assessment rolls, 1809, 1862, 2 v.; and journal of the Kinderhook Conscript Society, organized for the apprehension of horse thieves, 1863-89, 1 v.
3. *Miscellaneous materials,* including: Proceedings of the Directors of Columbia Turnpike, 1816-33, 1 v., and dividend book, toll-gate receipts, articles of agreement, bids for surveys, treasurers' reports, and other papers relating to the Columbia Turnpike, 1799-1898, over 500 items; certificates of appointment of Reuben MOORE as coroner of Columbia County, 1799, 1801; petition to highway commissioners for new highway in the town of Chatham, 1827; and notice of Poorhouse Committee to the Supervisor of Copake, July 15, 1829, announcing the opening of the County poorhouse.

L. **School Records,** including:

1. *Record Book of School District No. 10, Kinderhook,* N.Y., 1842-75, 1 v., citing names of pupils, attendance records, minutes of board meetings, and financial accounts.
2. *Rate bill,* 1827, listing taxable inhabitants in School District #13, Chatham, N.Y., and taxes levied for the support of common schools.
3. *Records of Hudson Academy,* including:

   Journal, 1874-76, 1 v., containing class reports, weekly diaries of students, and notes on weather conditions.

   Report of the trustees of Hudson Academy to the Regents of New York State, 1823.

   Letters of Amasa J. PARKER, principal of Hudson Academy, 1822-27, 9 items.

   Truman WHEELER'S contract to teach at Hudson Academy, 1825.

M. **Genealogical data,** on many early Columbia County families, including ALLEN, ASHLEY, BARKER, BRODHEAD, BURT, CANTINE, COFFIN, COLEMAN, CORNING, FLINT, FRISBEE, GARDENIER, KENDALL, MULLER (MULDOR), MURRAY, NOYES, PEAKE, REYNOLDS, TEN EYCK, VAN ALSTYNE, VANDERPOEL, VAN ESSELSTYN, VAN HOESEN, VAN NESS, VAN RENSSELAER, VAN VALKENBURG, WILLIAMS, WHITING, WOODBRIDGE, and many others.

N. *Miscellaneous materials,* including: account book of Almanza FORD, proprietor of a general store at Red Rock, N.Y., 1838-83, 1 v.; ledger of Peter V. ROSSMAN, 1826-37, 1 v.; other account books (ownership indeterminable), 1768-1804, 2 v.; register of Worth House of Hudson, N.Y., 1866-70, 1 v.; Barent HOES' receipts (13) from Walter BUTLER for tow-boat freight, 1835-36; John HATHAWAY's shares (2) in the Schoharie Turnpike Road, 1814; rent receipts (2) of Robert L. LIVINGSTON, 1830, 1831; military papers (10) of William IRISH, of Kinderhook, 1823-29; John L. PEAKE'S certificate of discharge from naval service, 1865; photostatic copy of document drawn up by the inhabitants of Albany County, May 15, 1774, appointing agents to treat with royal commissioners for the purpose of securing titles to their properties; wills of William GARDINIER (probated 1790), David W.

V. Kinderhook.—Columbia County Historical Society (cont.)

GARDINIER (probated 1885), Wendell PULVER (1799), and Ann HEPBURN (1821); Ando MUNDI'S poem on the anti-rent war, 1844; George W. ROSSMAN'S sketch of the history of Ancram, 1841-1924, 1 v.; and miscellaneous deeds, correspondence, and other data.

There are 58 volumes and some 1,300 pieces, entirely arranged and catalogued. Material is accessible to research workers upon application to the librarian. There is no photostat service.

See: Columbia County Historical Society, *Bulletin* (1928–).

VI. Kingston.—*Senate House Museum*

Address: 312 Fair Street. Custodian: Mary B. Terwilliger. Hours: 9 A.M.-5 P.M., daily, except Sundays and holidays. Union Catalogue location symbol: NKingS.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—The Senate House Museum was founded by legislative enactment in 1927 to house the memorabilia of Alton B. Parker and a collection of paintings by the American artist, John Vanderlyn, together with such other items as the Senate House Museum Association, Inc., might wish to place on exhibition. At present there are on exhibition several cases of early Kingston newspapers, early Dutch imprints, official seals, and other material of historical interest. Gifts are accepted, but manuscripts are not purchased, sold or exchanged. The collections are housed in a two-story, completely fire-proof, stone building, erected in 1927. The museum building occupies the same grounds as the Senate House, the only public building now standing directly connected with the organization of the government of New York State; it was here that the first sessions of the State Senate were held in 1777. Until 1939, manuscripts were housed in the basement of the museum in wooden packing crates, but are now being arranged in file drawers for greater accessibility. Probably a special alcove on the second floor will eventually be reserved for the housing of the manuscript collection.

HOLDINGS

A. **Roswell Randall HOES Collection,** 22,700 items, chiefly Kingston and Ulster County material including:

1. *Letters to and from Peter VAN GAASBEEK,* 1773-97, from about 450 correspondents regarding personal affairs, business, and politics. Among the correspondents are Aaron BURR, Johannes HARDENBERGH, Rufus KING, Robert LIVINGSTON, Cornelius ROOSEVELT, Simon SCHERMERHORN, Philip VAN CORTLANDT, John VANDERLYN, Stephen VAN RENSSELAER, and Peter VAN SCHAACK.
2. *Letters, bills, receipts, accounts,* and other data relating to the Hudson River trade of the 1780's and 1790's.
3. *Revolutionary papers,* 1775-93, including Loyalists' declaration of fidelity to the King at Shawangunk Church, Feb. 10, 1775, accounts for food and supplies purchased for Continental Army, 1777, muster rolls, and account of captivity of Capt. Jeremiah SNYDER and Elias SNYDER in Canada, 1782.
4. *Account books, ledgers, and day books* of Peter VAN GAASBEEK (1780-91, 1795-6, 9 vols.), HASBROUCK & JANSEN (1795-1806), Adam PERSEN (1750-59), LATTOUCHE & PHILIP (1748-49), Peter MARIUS-GROEN (1769-87), BOOTH BROS. (1869-75, 1 v.), and others.
5. *Church Records,* including minutes of Consistory, records of baptisms and

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marriages, accounts, and miscellaneous papers of the Dutch Reformed Church, (1660-1861, 12 vols. and 6289 pieces), additional accounts and baptismal and marriage records of the Dutch Reformed Church (1817-72, 1 vol.), texts and sermons of Rev. Henry OSTRANDER, 1801-72, 37 vols., sermons of Rev. John C. F. HOES, 1839-82, 41 items, sermons of Dr. C. S. VAN SANTVOORD, 1843-60, 1 vol. There are also 545 pieces referring to churches of various denominations in Ulster County.

6. *Other records include:*

Diaries of Nathaniel BOOTH, 1844-54, 2 vols.; also records of his trip to the south in 1870, 1 vol., and trip "Down East" in 1861, 1 vol.; pencil sketches, 6 vols.; composition on trout fishing, 1 vol. and 22 pieces; and 11 pieces of miscellaneous material.

Autobiography of Judge Francis Adrian VANDER KEMP, 1 vol.

Diary of John D. OSTRANDER, 1837-70, 1 vol.

Journal of HASBROUCK and BRUYN families, 1707-1846, 1 vol.

Miscellaneous Dutch Papers, 1656-1797, 67 pieces, including confirmation by Gov. Peter STUYVESANT of land purchase made by Thomas CHAMBERS.

Election Records, 1788-96, 14 items, including electoral tickets, list of campaign contributors, votes by towns in Ulster, Dutchess, and Orange Counties, advertisement of election at Foxhall Manor, and circular letters on election issues and candidates.

Genealogical, Biographical, and Historical notes, 4,620 items and 21 vols. gathered by Chaplain HOES from 1867 to 1921, relating principally to Kingston and vicinity. The genealogical notes cover upwards of 500 families in Ulster County, from the earliest landowners.

Miscellaneous materials including: Colonial Documents copied in the British Museum Library, 19 vols., and 1 vol. copied in Amsterdam; deeds, leases, and confirmations of patents to Ulster County lands, 1653-1854, 600 pieces; county and town maps and land surveys, 1668-1909, 116 items; Ulster County assessment rolls, 1730, 1814, 1818-19, 1822-32, 1834, 1848; surety bonds of Abraham and Peter VAN GAASBEEK, 1770-95, 10 items; Ulster County Surrogate's papers 1716-1845, 35 items; miscellaneous common pleas, justice, and supreme court papers, 1705-1888, 52 pieces; mortgages, 1786-1855, 14 items; and state loan commissioner's papers, 1779-81, 1787-88, 1790, 8 pieces.

B. **Jacob ELTING Collection,** 1731-1882, 1187 pieces, comprising miscellaneous real estate and other business papers of various members of the ELTING family. Included are deeds, leases, bonds, mortgages, powers of attorney, letters of attorney, articles of agreement, wills, letters of administration, judgments, depositions, subpoenas, inventories of real and chattel property, notes, bills, receipts, maps, field books, and descriptions of properties in and about New Paltz, records of litigation in Supreme, Chancery, and Common Pleas Courts, and other papers.

C. **Alton B. PARKER Collection,** 1669-1929, 102 items.

Miscellaneous letters and autograph materials, bearing signatures of all the

VI. Kingston.—Senate House Museum (cont.)

governors of the state from George CLINTON to Herbert H. LEHMAN and of the following colonial governors: Francis LOVELACE, Edmond ANDROS, Thomas DONGAN, Henry SLOUGHTER, Edward HYDE (Lord CORNBURY), Robert HUNTER, Gerardus BEEKMAN, John MONTGOMERIE, Rip VAN DAM, George CLARKE, Sir Charles HARDY, Robert MONCKTON, Sir Henry MOORE, James ROBERTSON, and the Earl of DUNMORE.

D. **Ralph K. FORSYTH Collection,** 1756-1921, 6 v. and 610 pieces, comprising: correspondence (464 items) of various members of the BRUYN and FORSYTH families, including Col. Jacobus S. BRUYN, Severyn BRUYN, A. Bruyn HASBROUCK, President of Rutgers College, 1840-50, and Judge James C. FORSYTH; Katherine B. FORSYTH'S "Family Chronicles," 1885-1921, 1 v.; notes, essays, and poems of Augustus H. BRUYN, 3 v.; genealogical data on the BRUYN family, 15 items; and miscellaneous accounts, agreements, bills, indentures, inventories, petitions and other papers.

The collections total about 25,000 items, including 126 volumes, which are entirely arranged by subject, and chronologically thereunder. About 25% have been alphabetically indexed by names of persons and subjects on 5000 (3 x 5) cards. Accessible for historical reference to anyone qualified for research. There is no photostat service.

VII. Rochester.—*Rundel Memorial Building*

Address: 115 South Avenue.

A. Rochester Public Library, Local History Division

Director of Libraries: John Adams Lowe. Head of Local History Division: Emma Swift. City Historian: Professor Dexter Perkins. Assistant City Historian: Dr. Blake McKelvey. Hours: 9 A.M.-6 P.M., weekdays. Union Catalogue location symbol: NR.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—Founded in 1912 under a legislative act of 1911 amending the city charter. The Local History Division in its present form was organized in October 1936, when the library moved into the Rundel Memorial Building. At that time, in accordance with agreements of an earlier date, the books and manuscripts of the Reynolds Library (established 1884) and of the Rochester Historical Society (organized 1888) were entrusted to the care of the Rochester Public Library. Under the divisional arrangement, the Local History Division collects the printed materials and manuscripts relating to Rochester and the Genesee country. This division is restricted to reference and research. A portion of the library's annual book budget is allotted to it for the purchase of books and manuscripts. Outright gifts are encouraged in all of its collections; and the sale or exchange of manuscripts and the acceptance of conditional deposits are at the discretion of the director. The Rundel Memorial Building was opened to the public in 1936. It is a three-story, fireproof building with a basement and sub-basement, and provides adequate space for the storage of records.

HOLDINGS

1. **Aristarchus CHAMPION Collection**, 1806-78, 500 items.
   Miscellaneous papers of Aristarchus CHAMPION, pioneer of Rochester, New York. Consist mainly of personal and business letters and deeds, leases, and mortgages of land in Portage County, Ohio, and in Monroe, Erie, Genesee, and Livingston Counties, New York. Included are data on CHAMPION'S trial against the Plymouth Congregational Society of the City of Rochester, with a copy of his complaint (1863).
2. **J. M. SCHUMERHORN (Jacob M. SCHERMERHORN) papers**, 1831-44, 100 pieces. Photostatic copies of letters to his fiancée, later his wife, regarding business conditions, his trip to the South and the mode of travel, his affiliation with the Brick Church of Rochester, and other personal affairs.

At present, these manuscripts are kept together with the more extensive holdings of the Rochester Historical Society (see entry for this institution, section B below), under the direction of Mr. Lowe. In all, some 86 volumes and approximately 35 cubic feet plus 11 linear feet of manuscripts are housed in the library, besides some unsorted material. In time practically all the manuscripts will have to be re-catalogued. In most cases

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arrangement has consisted simply of numbering and listing items in a collection without regard to subject grouping or to chronology. A few manuscripts have been fully catalogued, with author, title, and subject entries. A large number of the manuscripts have been card indexed; this index is difficult to use, since headings are not consistent and are not sufficiently broad to group the materials under large subjects. Little cross-reference information is given. Inventory lists in some cases provide an analysis of the content and in others give only author, type, and date.

Manuscripts are available only to properly accredited researchers. Photostatic copies may be obtained through H. H. Sullivan, Inc., of Rochester, at their regular prices. Groups of manuscripts later may be photographed by the library on film for use in the Recordak.

The present status of the Rochester Public Library is described by its director, John Adams Lowe, in *The Library Journal* for January 15, 1937; see also *Rochester History,* quarterly publication of the library.

B. Rochester.—Rochester Historical Society

President, Mrs. George B. Selden. Union Catalogue location symbol: NRHi.

History and Purpose:—On May 18, 1860, Lewis Henry Morgan organized the Rochester Historical Society and became its first president. This organization lapsed during the following year, and it was not until December 17, 1887, that the present society was formed. Its purpose is to gather, preserve, and make available for research materials relating to the settlement, and to the political, economic, and social development of Rochester and the Genesee country. With the opening of the Rundel Memorial Building in 1936, the books and manuscripts of the Rochester Historical Society were placed in the custody of the Rochester Public Library as part of its Local History Division (see entry for the Rochester Public Library).

HOLDINGS

1. **Nathaniel ROCHESTER Collection,** 1778-1829.

   Included are: document giving information concerning the conveyance by PHELPS and GORHAM to Robert MORRIS of 2,000,000 acres of land in Western New York, with a reservation of 24,030 acres which, together with 100 acres which eventually became Rochester, were sold to Ebenezer HUNT and others; letters pertaining to the purchase of the 100 acre Rochester tract by Nathaniel ROCHESTER, Charles CARROLL, and William FITZHUGH; letters, leases, bonds, accounts, agreements, and other papers of Thomas BEGOLE, agent for Nathaniel ROCHESTER; and miscellaneous records concerning turnpikes, the organization of the Bank of Rochester, the sale of bank shares, letters, partition deeds, maps, accounts, receipts, and other data showing the growth and development of Rochester.

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2. **Charles WILLIAMSON Collection,** 1782-1888.
   Include: correspondence, agreements, contracts, accounts, maps, abstracts of titles, and other papers of Charles WILLIAMSON in his management of the 1,000,000 acre tract in the Genesee country purchased by Sir William PULTENEY, John HORNBY, and Patrick COLQUHOUN; correspondence of Robert TROUP, also owner of much land in the Genesee country; and letters, accounts, and other papers of Robert MORRIS and his agent, John GRIEG, who also managed the Genesee country affairs of James HILLHOUSE, Commissioner of the School Fund of Connecticut.
3. **Henry O'REILLY Collection,** 1826-78, 2,000 items.
   Included are: memoranda concerning his work as editor of the *Rochester Daily Advertiser,* the *Albany Atlas,* and *The Argus;* convention notes, original articles, reports, notations, and comments on many newspaper items; data concerning the activities of the Clinton League for the enlargement of the Erie Canal and the activities of the National Cheap-Freight Anti-Monopoly Railway League; papers relating to O'REILLY'S interest in the telegraph companies of his day; letters and other papers pertaining to his work as Rochester postmaster, State legislator, and Congressman; data on the Mormons in Iowa, the Colored Troops from New York State in the Civil War, agriculture in western New York, and agricultural reforms in the post-bellum South.
4. **George W. ALDRIDGE Collection,** 1893-98, 21 v.
   Letter books, comprising correspondence, mainly pertaining to patronage, directed to ALDRIDGE during the period of his political career, particularly as New York State Superintendent of Public Works.
5. **Abelard REYNOLDS Collection,** 1795-1851, 800 items.
   Personal and business correspondence, notes, bonds, deeds, due bills, and receipts of Abelard REYNOLDS, pioneer of Rochester and its first postmaster.
6. **George H. HARRIS Collection,** 1863-93, 200 pieces.
   Consists mainly of his original manuscripts of lectures and papers on the habits, trails, weapons, expeditions, and characteristics of the Indians of Western New York; also personal correspondence and articles concerning the early white pioneers of Western New York.
7. **Charles H. WILTSIE Collection,** 1788-1891.
   Comprises bonds, deeds, powers of attorney, subpoenas, personal and business letters, and other data gathered by Charles H. WILTSIE concerning the early history of Pittsford, New York. Included are three manuscripts entitled "Pittsford History."
8. **Levi WARD papers,** 1820-44, 16 pieces.
   Include business correspondence, deeds, and other documents of Levi WARD; also a sketch of the original 100 acre tract of Rochester, New York.
9. **Miscellaneous materials,** including: records of activities of the Rochester Union Grays (1838-59), Independent Pioneers (1861-65), and Union Blues (1861-65), all independent military organizations; records of the Moral Reform Society (1836-37); records of the Ever Ready Neptune Bucket Company No. 1,

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a volunteer fire company (1837-39); and a book of poems written by George Chandler BRAGDON.

For report on total quantity, arrangement, and accessibility of manuscripts, see entry for the Rochester Public Library.

See: Rochester Historical Society *Publications* (Rochester, 1892, 1898) 2 v.; Rochester Historical Society *Publication Fund Series* (Rochester, 1922–) 18 v. Of special value is volume 15, the first part of which is devoted to the libraries of Rochester.

VIII. Schenectady.—*Schenectady County Historical Society*

Address: 13 Union Street. President: Mr. William B. Efner. Curator: Mrs. Grace P. Van Vranken. Hours: 10 A.M.-12 NOON, and 2 P.M.-5 P.M., weekdays. Union Catalogue location symbol: NSchHi.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—Founded in 1905 to promote and encourage historical research, disseminate a greater knowledge of the early history of Schenectady County, gather books, manuscripts, papers and relics relating to the early history of Schenectady County and contiguous territory, mark places of historic interest, and acquire by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise, the title to, or the custody and control of, historic spots and places. Gifts and conditional deposits of manuscripts are welcomed, exchanges or sales may be made at the discretion of the President, and purchases are made to the extent that funds permit. The Society is housed in its own building, a two-story, brick, non-fireproof structure, erected in 1839. Manuscripts are kept in a safe, wooden cabinet, and fire-resistant vault, with limited space for their storage.

HOLDINGS

A. **Church Records:**

1. *Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady,* 1662-1938, comprising:

   31 bound vols. relating largely to Church finances. Included are treasurer's account books, ledgers, daybooks, memorandum books, quit rent receipt books, seat registers, and miscellaneous journals of receipts, obligations, and expenditures; also register of membership (1661-1822, 1 v.), record of baptisms (1694-1851, 1 v.), and register of marriages (1785-1823, 1 v.).

   Countless individual manuscripts, including deeds, leases, mortgages, maps, surveys, pastor's receipts, lists of pew holders, resolutions relating to the disposal of land, records of subscriptions, notes, bonds, wills, powers of attorney, Consistory instructions regarding pew rents, loans, interest, mortgages, prosecutions, the price of wheat taken in payment of rent, and other matters, construction contracts, lists of persons engaging pasture for cattle and holding lands under the Consistory, baptismal and marriage records, minutes of Consistory meetings, records of Church missions, statements of quit rents and other obligations due the Church, correspondence relating to the call of ministers, and other data. (For over 600 specific citations of Dutch Reformed Church manuscripts accessioned during 1905-12, see the *Year Book* of the Schenectady County Historical Society, 1905-1906, 1906-1908, 1908-1912).

2. *Records of the Schodack Dutch Reformed Church,* 1770-1831, 1 v. (typed), concerning records of baptisms and marriages.

3. *Miscellaneous church and cemetery records,* including records of the Scotia and Niskayuna Reformed Churches, records of St. John's

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Cemetery and other burial groups in Schenectady, Rotterdam, Duanesburg, Glenville, Pattersonville, Princetown, and other places, Rev. Clarence W. BACKUS' historical sketch of the First Presbyterian Church of Princetown (1884), R. D. MAHAFFY'S sketch of the Florida Congregation of the Albany Presbytery (1936), and other data.

B. **Public Records of Schenectady** (town and city)

1. *Financial Records,* 1707-1859, 16 v. comprising miscellaneous records of receipts and expenditures of the Town of Schenectady. Included are records of quit rents payable to the Trustees of Schenectady (1738-1831, 4 v.) and accounts of City Treasurers Abram SWITS (1759-79, 1 v.), Jacob SWITS (1821-35, 3 v., including bills paid by the City for the entertainment of General LAFAYETTE in 1825), Thomas HARMAN and Nicholas SWITS (1835-41, 3 v.), and others.
2. *Tax Records*

   Tax lists, 1718/9, 1751.

   Assessment rolls of the real and personal estates in the first ward of the City of Schenectady, 1803 (1 v.), 1816 (1 v.).
3. *Minutes of Meetings of the Trustees of the Town of Schenectady,* 1792-98, 1 v.
4. *Records of Votes taken in Schenectady* for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Senators, and Members of Congress, 1799-1826, 1 v.
5. *Records of Votes* for Members of Assembly, 1799-1822, 1 v.
6. *Book of Licenses and Permits* granted by Joseph C. YATES, Mayor of Schenectady, 1800-07, 1 v.
7. *Records of the Schenectady Fire Department,* 1824-70, 8 v., including rosters of fire companies (1824-65, 4 v.) and membership and minute books of the Neptune Fire Engine Company No. 4. (1843-70, 4 v.).
8. *Time Book of the Schenectady Police Force,* 1866-70, 1 v.
9. *Record of the Common Schools of Schenectady and Princetown,* 1844-51, 1 v.
10. *Miscellaneous materials,* including certificates of appointment, oaths of office, extracts of minutes of proceedings of justices of the peace, overseers of the poor, and the Common Council of the City of Schenectady, election returns, town ordinances, and other data.

C. **Military Records:**

1. *Papers relating to the Revolutionary War,* including military orders, muster rolls, data on the provisioning of the army and the settlement of accounts against the state, extracts from the papers of Giles F. YATES and other sources bearing on the service and pension claims of Schenectady soldiers, copies of the diary and journal of Captain John DAVIS, who served in the campaign leading to the surrender of CORNWALLIS at Yorktown (1778, 1781-82, 3 v.), and other data.
2. *Book of Minutes of the Schenectady Independent Artillery,* 1842-49, 1 v., including also constitution, by-laws, and record of membership of this organization, whose object was the improvement of its members in martial and military exercises.

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3. *Civil War Records*

Medical Order Book, 1861, 1 v., Confederate journal comprising extracts of general and special orders of the Adjutant's and Inspector-General's office, Richmond, Va., to Surgeon Thomas H. WILLIAMS, Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac, and the latter's orders and instructions from his office at Manassas Junction, Va., relating to leaves of absence, appointments, the procurement of medical supplies, precautions against disease, the treatment of the sick, the inspection of hospitals, the transportation of the wounded, and other matters concerning his work as Medical Director.

Quartermaster's Record, 1864-65, 1 v., containing Confederate Treasury accounts, bank notes, contracts, receipts, accounts with Capt. K. L. SIMONS, Acting Quartermaster of the army at Anderson, invoices of commissary property, accounts of purchases and disbursements, hospital reports, and other data.

HORSFALL papers, 1861-65, 1 v. and 14 pieces, comprising Civil War records of William HORSFALL, lieutenant and then captain of Co. E. 18th New York Volunteers. Included are muster rolls, receipts for supplies, correspondence, reports, and records of the volunteer militia; also personal war sketches of members of William HORSFALL Post #90 of Schenectady, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of New York, 1861-65, 1 v.

Miscellaneous Civil War papers, including muster rolls, correspondence, payrolls, and records of individual enlistments, service and discharges.

D. **Real Estate Records,** 1661—.

Large collection of papers relating to land transactions in Schenectady and vicinity. These consist largely of deeds and mortgages, but include also leases, inventories, appraisals, powers of attorney, agreements, letters patent, confirmations of Indian grants, petitions, depositions, records of litigation (particularly the BRADT-SCHERMERHORN controversy over the ownership and disposition of the common lands of the Township of Schenectady), accounts of surveys, field books, maps, and other data. The Trustees of the Township of Schenectady, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of Schenectady, the Ministers, Elders, and Deacons of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady, and representatives of the following families appear most prominently in these records: BECK, BOGART, BRADT (BRATT), CAMPBELL, CUYLER, DUANE, DUNCAN, FONDA, GLEN, GROOT, LANSING, McDONALD, PUTNAM, SCHERMERHORN, SCHUYLER, STEVENS, SWITS, TEN EYCK, TRUAX, VAN ANTWERPEN (VAN ANTWERP), VAN EPS, VAN INGEN, VAN PETTEN, VAN RENSSELAER, VAN SCHAICK, VAN SLYCK, VAN VECHTEN, VEDDER (VEEDER), VROOMAN, WEMP, WEMPLE, WENDELL, and YATES.

E. **Records of Mercantile and other Business Transactions,** including:

1. *Account books* (3), *ledgers* (2), *and daybooks* (2) *of early Schenectady businessmen* (names indeterminable), 1765-1844.

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2. *Record book of Ryer SCHERMERHORN,* 1687-1760, 1 v.; also *Account book,* 1743-98, 1 v.
3. *Myndert LANSINGH'S Bills of Lading,* 1745-48, 1 v.
4. *Account Book of Abram SWITS,* 1759-90, 1 v.
5. *Daniel CAMPBELL'S Receipt book,* 1769-90, 1 v.; also *Letter book,* 1771-1800, 1 v.
6. *Daybook of Jacob SWITS,* 1788-1800, 1 v.
7. *Ledger of James R. CRAIGE'S House,* 1783-87, 1 v.
8. *Memorandum book of David TOMLINSON,* 1802-29, 1 v.
9. *Daybook of Walter SWITS,* 1803-11, 1 v.
10. *Daybook of William JOHNSON,* 1808-31, 1 v.
11. *Records of the Albany and Schenectady Turnpike Company,* 1808-48, 2 v.
12. *Memorandum book of Gerardus Q. CARLEY,* 1823, 1 v.
13. *Receipt book of John P. VEEDER,* 1830-31, 1 v.
14. *Accounts of Thorp & Sprague,* operators of a stage coach line from Schenectady to Utica, 1832-36, 1 v.
15. *Diary of E. W. POTTER,* general agent of the New York Life Insurance Company, 1856, 1 v.
16. *Account book of Daniel STARKS,* 1856-58, 1 v.
17. *Benjamin M. MUMFORD'S Letter books, Account books, Ledgers, and Policy books,* 1794-1808, 10 v., relating to his extensive business as insurance broker. Included are: agreements with underwriters; records of moneys expended on drafts, loans, and other obligations sustained by clients; instructions to ship captains; requests for remittances; statements on losses of cargoes; accounts of sales for clients; records of the arrival of ships, their cargoes, and prices; advice on purchases in the light of market conditions; registers of merchants and mercantile firms in New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Providence, Norwich, Portsmouth, and New London; records of ships, owners, cargoes, destination, rate and amount of insurance, and names of assurers and their respective shares; and letterpress copies of correspondence bearing on the shipment and disposal of cargoes, the registry of ships, insurance rates, speculation and trade, accounts with underwriters, invoices of merchandise and consignments, the molestation of American shipping by English, French, and Spanish privateers, the Embargo, and other matters.
18. *Miscellaneous papers,* including: record of the "Dilligence Packet," 1793, citing dates, passengers, where bound, and fares; record of holders of Mohawk Turnpike and Schenectady Bridge stock, 1811-12; record of stockholders of the Schenectady Bank sent to Alonzo C. PAIGE, citing shares held by each (undated); and various stock certificates in the Schenectady Water Works (1806), Mountain Turnpike Road (1811, 1813), Duanesburgh and Charleston Bridge Company (1819), Mohawk Bridge Company (1857), Schenectady and Susquehanna Railroad Company (1871), and other enterprises.

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F. Genealogical Materials:

1. *Wills.*—Large collection of originals, copies, and probates of wills, including those of Caleb BECK (1787, 1788), Andries BRADT (1740), Arent BRADT (1765, 1770, 1795); Angelica CAMPBELL (1811, 1812), Daniel CAMPBELL (1801), John DELANCEY (1813, 1821, 1822, 1829), John FONDEY (1814), Andries GARDINIER (1760), Henry R. LANSING (1819), Robert LANSING (1795), John ONDERDONK (1712), John SCHERMERHORN (1752), Ryer SCHERMERHORNE (1717), Ryer SCHERMERHORN (1777, 1792), John SCHUYLER (1796), Johannis TELLER (1725), Johannes VAN ANTWERPEN (1763), Cornelius M. VAN ALSTINE (1787), Philip VAN PETTEN (1774), Gosen VAN SCHAICK (1814), Cornelis VAN SLYCK (1753), Harmanus VAN SLYCK (1731), Simon VEDDER (1820), Gerrit Seymonse VEEDER (1747, 1755), Adam S. VROOMAN (1812-1813), Jan VROOMAN (1749/50), Henry WENDELL (1786, 1803), John B. YATES (1836), and many others.
2. *Miscellaneous genealogical data* on many early Schenectady families, including APPEL, BANCKER, BECK, BRADT (BRATT), BROWER, CLUTE, CREGIER, CUYLER, DE GRAAF, FONDA, GARDENIR, GLEN, GROOT, HAGADORN, MARSELIS, MYNDERTSE, STEVENS, SWART, SWITS, TOLL, TRUAX, VAN ANTWERPEN, VAN DER VOLGEN, VAN EPS, VAN GUYSLING, VAN PETTEN, VAN SLYCK, VAN ZANDT, VEDDER, VEEDER, WEMP, WEMPLE, and others.

G. Jonathan PEARSON papers

Innumerable notes (including many original manuscripts) compiled by Jonathan PEARSON from early Dutch and English sources, bearing on every phase of Schenectady history. Included are: biographical data on the first proprietors, freeholders, and early settlers of Schenectady; copies of wills and early marriage records; genealogical data extracted from family bibles, Dutch records, wills, and newspapers; copies of tombstone inscriptions in Schenectady and vicinity; a large collection of notes on the history, real estate holdings, and finances of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Schenectady; data on early Indian grants, patents, deeds, mortgages, and land controversies; notes, diagrams, and maps of lots, streets, and houses; notes on the location of public buildings, bridges, ferries, creeks, and roads in Schenectady and vicinity; material on early Schenectady stockades, Indian wars on the borders (1662-1713), the burning of Schenectady (1690), the Old French War (1744-48), fortifications and garrisons, missions to the Mohawks, and trade with the Indians; records of Revolutionary soldiers from Schenectady; data on early folklore, slavery, schools and school teachers, weights and measures, currency and prices, taverns, printers, newspapers, booksellers, stage coaches, navigation of the Mohawk River, railroads, and many other matters.

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H. **Dr. W. N. P. DAILEY Collection,** 1736—, 17 v., 6 file boxes, and 125 pieces of manuscripts.

1. *Notes and articles compiled by Dr. DAILEY on a variety of subjects pertaining to the history of Schenectady and vicinity,* 1911 —, 15 v. Topics covered include: Indian history; the Schenectady Massacre; early Schenectady schools, churches, and newspapers; folklore; golf and baseball; transportation on the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers; historic houses and forts in the Mohawk Valley; early apprenticeships; scientific inventions and tools; the Mohawk Valley in the Revolution; Union College graduates who became ministers of Reformed Churches, 1772-1912; Dutch Reformed Churches in Schenectady and their pastors, 1860-1936; the Huguenots; early Dutch settlements; biographical sketches of prominent people of Schenectady; biographical sketches and addresses on famous Americans, including George WASHINGTON, Abraham LINCOLN, Benjamin FRANKLIN, Walter BUTLER, Charles P. STEINMETZ, and many others; the United States Constitution; an historical causerie, questioning the historicity of incidents and statements in connection with Independence Day, John SMITH and POCAHONTAS, Rev Cotton MATHER and the Quakers, WASHINGTON crossing the Delaware, the first church and school in America, the first free school in the province of New York, Blue Laws, and other subjects.
2. *Transcriptions of original manuscripts,* including records of the American Revolution, local church records of births and marriages, cemetery inscriptions, correspondence between George WASHINGTON and persons connected with the Dutch Church at Kingston, and records of the Dorp (village) of Schenectady, 1751-63 (1 v., translated by Mrs. M. N. CORMAC).
3. *Original documents,* including: Charter of the founding of Princetown Academy, Oct. 20, 1853; Record book of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the Union, 1858, 1 v.; SWITS family papers, 1753-1848, 10 pieces; and other data.

I. **TOLL Collection,** 49 v. and 3 cartons of unsorted materials, including:

1. *Business Records,* 1809-93, 38 v., comprising account books, invoice books, ledgers, daybooks, cash books, journals, and memorandum books of various members of the TOLL family (John C. TOLL, Nicholas M. TOLL, Philip R. TOLL, and Frank R. TOLL) relating largely to the operation of TOLL'S Vinegar Works, but including farm journals, records of personal expenses, Frank R. TOLL'S accounts with the Town of Glenville for his services as Town Clerk (1885, 1887), and other financial data.
2. *Church Records,* including: sermons of Rev. John C. TOLL; "Middletown Society Records of Contribution Money," 1 v., containing accounts of monies collected and expended by treasurers (1806-13), records of meetings of the Consistories of Westerlo and Middletown at the house

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of their pastor, Rev. John C. TOLL (1822), and minutes of the Consistory of the True Reformed Dutch Church in the Town of Canajoharie, May 26, 1825; minutes of meetings of the Particular Synod of Albany, 1814-15; extracts of minutes of the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church of Middletown, 1811, 1816; minutes of the Consistory of the Church at Westerlo, 1813; minutes of joint meetings of the Consistories of the Reformed Dutch Church of Middletown andWesterlo in the Town of Canajoharie (1811, 1821); minutes of the Consistory of the Reformed Dutch Church in Canajoharie (1811-12, 1825-26, 1835-36); notes on baptisms; correspondence; remonstrances; data relating to the Classis of Montgomery; and records of doctrinal controversies, particularly respecting the doctrine of atonement as held by Rev. Coenrad TEN EYCK.

3. *Miscellaneous materials,* including: TOLL family arithmetic books (9 v.) and "Geographical Exercises" (1 v.); accounts, bills, bonds, notes, agreements, insurance policies, deeds, leases, mortgages, surveys, and other papers of the TOLL family, particularly Charles and Philip R. TOLL; personal correspondence of Rev. John C., Charles H., Nicholas M., and Philip R. TOLL; letters from Eve VEEDER (daughter of Charles H. TOLL who moved to Indiana and Illinois), throwing light on frontier life in the 1820's and 1830's; catalogue of books belonging to school district no. 10 in the town of Glenville (1844); and copies of letters of J. De Witt TOLL, while serving overseas during the World War, 1917-19.

J. **Henry GLEN** papers, 1767-1813, 375 pieces.

Relate largely to Henry GLEN'S service during the Revolution as Deputy Quartermaster General, and later as agent for transporting troops and stores. Included are accounts, invoices, reports on bids, and contracts, and correspondence regarding the provisioning of troops at various army posts and the settlement of his accounts with the Treasury Department. Correspondents include Morgan LEWIS, General Henry DEARBORN, William SIMMONS, Samuel HODGDON, Elisha JENKINS, Abraham CUYLER, John N. BLEECKER, General James WILKINSON, John E. VAN ALEN, Anthony LAMB, Stephen VAN RENSSELAER, Abraham VAN EPS, Alexander HAMILTON, Henry KNOX, and others.

K. **Other holdings** include:

1. *Records of the Schenectady Temperance Society* (auxiliary to the New York State Temperance Society), 1830-47, 1 v., containing membership roll and minutes of meetings; also *Membership roll of the Glenville Division, Sons of Temperance,* 1867-68, 1 v.
2. *By-laws and minutes of Meetings of the Medical Society of the County of Schenectady* 1810-38 (with gaps), 1 v.
3. *Account books of the Schenectady Female Benevolent Society,* 1837-46, 2 v.

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4. *Constitution and Minutes of the Northern Missionary Society, Department* #2, 1797-1828, 1 v.
5. *John HETHERINGTON'S School Memoranda,* 1783-94, 8 v., containing accounts of monies due him as a school master.
6. *James DUANE papers,* copied by Samuel W. JONES, consisting largely of letters to DUANE from Thomas PAINE, John JAY, William MALCOM, John DICKENSON, Richard H. LEE, Henry WISNER, George WASHINGTON, Alexander HAMILTON, and others, 1776-87, 1 v.; also deeds and leases executed by James DUANE as proprietor of the Township of Duanesburgh.
7. *Miscellaneous materials,* including: record of Schenectady newspapers, 1799-1916, among the holdings of the Schenectady County Historical Society, prepared by Dr. H. S. LIDDLE and A. P. WALTON, 1935-36, 1 v.; personal papers of Samuel Jones MUMFORD, 1822-43, 26 items, consisting mainly of certificates of appointment to civil and military posts; papers of Samuel W. JONES, 1813-54, including personal correspondence, legal documents, and memoranda on local, state, and national politics; papers of Alonzo C. PAIGE, 1830-42, relating mainly to the Schenectady Bank; STEVENS family papers, 1738-1888, including receipts, bills, notes, bonds, deeds, mortgages, memoranda on land divisions, wills, and genealogical records of various members of the STEVENS family (Nicholas, Aaron, Jonathan, Thomas, and others); diaries, including that of a farmer in 1811, containing a record of his experimentations with the planting of crops; diaries of Harriet Bower PAIGE, containing stories of old Schenectady families and diagrams of Schenectady streets, lots, and houses (8 v.), Marie N. CORMAC'S typewritten copy of Thomas PALMER'S diary, 1843-53 (original at Union College), and others; data on the American Colonization Society; record of subscriptions and expenses of the Schenectady Library Association (1833-34); autograph albums; drafts and copies of speeches and articles bearing on Schenectady history; diplomas and certificates of membership in professional and fraternal organizations; civil and military appointments, powers of attorney, licenses, records of litigation, inventories, affidavits, appraisals, contracts, patents, and other legal documents.

There are 197 volumes and 25 linear feet of manuscripts. About 90% of these are arranged by subject, and all are catalogued by accessions in six accession books. Some 2,300 index cards (3″ x 5″), arranged by subject and alphabetically thereunder, cite the file cases and folders in which manuscripts are kept. Materials are accessible to researchers upon application to the curator and under supervision. There is no photostat or copy service.

See: Year Books of the Schenectady County Historical Society, 1905-06, 1906-08, 1908-12.

IX. Syracuse.—*Syracuse University Library*

Director of libraries: Wharton Miller. Hours: 7:50 A.M. to 10.00 P.M. weekdays. Union Catalogue location symbol: NSyU.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—The library was founded in 1870 primarily for the use of the faculty and students of the University. There is no special field of interest insofar as manuscripts are concerned. Gifts are accepted and purchases may be made; sale, exchange, and acceptance of conditional deposits depend upon the manuscripts and the restrictions. The library is a four-story, fireproof, brick building, constructed in 1905-07. Space is at present adequate but there is no planned storage for additional accessions. The building serves also as the School of Library Science.

HOLDINGS

A. **Gerrit Smith MILLER Collection,** 1780 (1820-67) 1890, 1000 vols. and 61,500 pieces.

1. *Real estate records,* comprising:

   Deeds to lands purchased and sold by Peter and Gerrit SMITH in New York, Pennsylvania, and Michigan, 9000 items.

   Miscellaneous ledgers, rent books, land books, and memorandum books, including surveys and maps of land transactions, 1000 vols. Included are accounts of business dealings at Old Fort Schuyler (Utica, N.Y.) 1808, and memorandum books pertaining to the glass business and fur trade (citing Indian and John Jacob ASTOR accounts).

   Records pertaining to "Lands to the Landless," given by Gerrit SMITH, 1848-55, 500 items.

2. *Correspondence of Gerrit SMITH, Peter SMITH, and Gerrit Smith MILLER,* 1780-1890, 52,000 pieces.

   Consist mostly of letters to the SMITHS, particularly Gerrit SMITH, from prominent persons of the period, bearing on various phases of anti-slavery, anti-masonry, abolition, negro colonization, the Jerry Rescue case, Free Kansas movement, temperance, dress reform, politics, sectarianism, equal suffrage, land monopoly, women's rights, educational reform, philanthropy, diet, economic development of central New York, especially Oswego, N.Y., with respect to land improvement and settlement, agriculture, canals, turnpikes, railways, fur trade, industry and Indian affairs, and other reforms. Among the nationally known persons conspicuous in the collection are: William Lloyd GARRISON, Henry B. STANTON, Joshua R. GIDDINGS, Sylvester GRAHAM, Horace GREELEY, Amelia BLOOMER, Julia Ward HOWE, Samuel J. MAY, William H. SEWARD, Harriet Beecher STOWE, John G. WHITTIER, Cassius M. CLAY, Gamaliel BAILEY, Henry Ward BEECHER, Salmon P. CHASE, Frederick A. DOUGLASS, Albert BRISBANE, Wendell PHILLIPS, Hon. Charles SUMNER, Theodore WELD, and Andrew D. WHITE; also Charles B. SEDGWICK, Lysander SPOONER, Charles

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A. DANA, and others relative to SMITH'S controversy with New York and Chicago newspapers (*New York Herald* and *New York Tribune*) and their association of SMITH'S name with the John BROWN affair at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, as an alleged conspirator. Hundreds of letters from recipients of SMITH'S philanthropy, acknowledging cash and land donations; many letters respecting Hamilton, Union, and Oberlin Colleges, and old New York Central College at McGrawville, N.Y. Included also are letters from William GOODELL, Lewis TAPPAN, John P. HALE, Beriah GREEN, Elizur WRIGHT, Jr., 1840-48, relating to the Liberty League and Liberty Party, and the split in the anti-slavery ranks over the inclusion of radical abolition theories in the Liberty Party platform, culminating in SMITH'S nomination for the Presidency on the National Liberty Party ticket in 1848; also correspondence of Gerrit Smith MILLER (grandson of Gerrit SMITH, and first importer of Holstein-Friesian cattle to this country) pertaining largely to the breeding of blooded cattle; and correspondence of Charles Dudley MILLER, Greene SMITH and Elizabeth (Smith) MILLER concerning business transactions, social activities and personal affairs.

B. **Methodist Episcopal Church Collection,** 1813-1900, 70 vols. and 3000 pieces. Material relates to the history and development of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Central and Western New York. Included are:

1. *Minutes, journals, and other records of conferences and circuits* at Syracuse, Oneida, Scipio, Ithaca, Lenox, North Lansing, Cortland, Canton, Cazenovia, Martville, Black River, Elmira, Auburn, Rochester, Sodus, Pompey, Seneca, and other places. Also records of Cazenovia Literary and Theological Society (1866-76), minutes and treasurer's book of the Ladies Benevolent Society (1863, 1859-70), records of the Ladies Sewing Society, M.E. Church, Syracuse, N.Y. (1855-58), records of the Ministerial and Laymen's Association of Geneva District (1869-74), records of the Oneida Conference Missionary Society, Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M.E. Church (1846-66), and minutes of the Oneida Conference Historical Society (1864-65).
2. *Minutes of Trials of Ministers,* 1832-68, 1500 pieces. Testimony, charges, and evidence in cases of immorality, debts, and schisms at Port Byron, Cayuga District, Russia District, Oswego, Oneida District, Marathon, Kingston, Town of McDonough, Chenango Co., West Dryden, Sherburne, New York Mills, and Manlius.
3. *Reports of Conference Committees,* 1829-70, 1000 pieces. Reports on missions, temperance, education, anti-slavery, Sunday schools, finances, investigations of churches, missionary cause, trials, and examinations of candidates for the ministry.
4. *Miscellaneous materials* including addresses, reports, historical memoranda, lectures, sermons, articles on woman suffrage, diaries, ledgers, scrapbooks, cash books, Ms. regarding freemasonry (1838), petition to the State Legislature asking removal of Indians from the Onondaga Reservation for the good of both the Indians and white men, including copies

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of treaties bearing on Cayuga, Oneida, and Onondaga tribes, letters to various ministers (1829-94), and other data.

The Smith and Methodist Episcopal collections are arranged by subject, and chronologically thereunder. The Methodist Episcopal collection is partially indexed on 3 x 5 cards, by authors, titles, collection, and subjects. Manuscripts are accessible to students of history and researchers upon personal application and under supervision. Persons wishing to consult the Gerrit Smith collection should communicate with Dr. W. F. Galpin, 109 Maxwell Building, Syracuse, N.Y. A calendar of general correspondence to Gerrit Smith, 1819-1862, is in preparation by the Historical Records Survey of New York State. Photostatic copies may be obtained at current prices.

X. Ticonderoga.—*New York State Historical Association, Headquarters House*

Address: Moses Circle. Director: Clifford L. Lord. Librarian: Mrs. Thomas Lape. Winter hours: 9 A.M.-5 P.M., weekdays, except Saturday afternoon; Summer hours: 9 A.M.-5 P.M., weekdays, and 10 A.M.-5 P.M. Sunday. Union Catalogue location symbol: NTiHi.

HISTORY AND PURPOSE:—Founded in 1899 by a group of men interested in the history of Lakes George and Champlain to promote historical research, disseminate knowledge of the history of the State by lectures and publications, "gather books, manuscripts, pictures, and relics" on this subject, mark places of historic interest, and acquire custody or control of historic places. Headquarters House is today interested in manuscripts and other materials relating to the Champlain region from 1609. It has never sold or exchanged and rarely purchases manuscripts, usually receiving them by gift or deposit. Headquarters House is a three-story, granite building, a reproduction of the Hancock House which once stood on Beacon Hill in Boston, Massachusetts. Manuscripts are kept in a small fire-resistant vault, with limited space for storage.

HOLDINGS

Stress the economic and social history of northern New York in the 18th and 19th centuries. Important collections include:

A. **(Orson and Absalom P.) MORSE Collection,** 1772-1909, 192 pieces, including:

1. *Assessment roll of taxes,* Town of Minerva, 1830.
2. *Baptist Church of Minerva,* 1832-48, 10 pieces, regarding the building and equipment of the church.
3. *Survey maps* (30) *and Surveyor's field notes* (generally undated), 38 items, principally of the TOTTEN and CROSSFIELD Purchase, Minerva, and vicinity; also maps (7), 1839-84, of New York State, Adirondack Plateau, TOTTEN and CROSSFIELD Purchase, Essex, Hamilton, and Clinton Counties, and railroad map of the United States.
4. *Deeds* (58), 1827-1909, involving property in Minerva and vicinity.
5. *Miscellaneous papers,* including bonds (2), 1866, 1873, mortgages (6), 1862-86, letters (17), 1808-92, receipts, arithmetic problems, redemption bills, appointment of A. P. MORSE as postmaster, justice docket, 1852-77, record of work for and with Verplanck COLVIN, 1895-1904, map of the State of Michigan, and other data.

B. **BASCOM and GAYLORD Collection,** 1838-80, 72 v. and 1 box of miscellaneous materials. Ledgers, daybooks, blotters, journals, shipping and invoice books, orders, notes, drafts, bills, books of accounts, and miscellaneous records of mercantile, shipping and lumber concerns of Whitehall, New York. Names

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of firms prominent in this collection include: BASCOM, EDDY & GAYLORD; BASCOM and GAYLORD; BASCOM, VAUGHN & Co.; EDDY and CHUBB; EDDY, BASCOM & Co.; EDDY & Co.; and EDDY, RICE & Co.

C. **BASCOM Hardware Store Collection,** 1865-76, 26 v.

Daybooks (15), invoice books (3), cash books (7), and inventory book (1) relating to the BASCOM Hardware Store in Ticonderoga, which was started in 1865 as the firm of Messrs. CLARK and HOOPER and is now owned and operated by Henry W. SIMPKINS.

D. **(Alvin and Betsey) BARTON papers,** 1806-85, 500 pieces.

Include a diary of Alvin BARTON, of Horicon, N.Y., 1806-42, genealogy of the COLE family, deeds, mortgages, assessment roll, justice docket, and other legal papers relating to property in Horicon and vicinity, and letters chiefly to Alvin and Betsey BARTON concerning personal matters. Other family names often appearing in these papers are DUELL, HAYES, REYNOLDS, ROBERTS, and ROSS.

E. **A. J. B. ROSS Collection,** 1811-1900, 3 v. and 5,000 pieces.

Relates largely to the business and personal affairs of Hon. Henry R. ROSS, Congressman from and first judge of Essex County. Included are Supreme Court Registers (2), 1811-61, concerning litigation in Essex County, and some 5,000 pieces of correspondence, bonds, notes, receipts, mortgages, foreclosures, Supreme Court summonses, and estimates on surveys involving property in Essex County and vicinity. Collection includes also an account book of Chauncey D. TUTTLE, of Rutland, Vermont, concerning the lumber business, 1813-30.

F. **John Hatch LOW Collection,** 1797-1870, 43 v.

1. *Ledgers* (14), 1797-1870, and daybooks (24), 1827-68, relating to sales and expenditures in the tannery, hat, tin shop, and grist mill business.
2. *Justice docket,* 1843-46, containing a record of cases tried before LOW as Justice of the Peace of the town of Westport; also includes financial accounts, 1834-41.
3. *Miscellaneous records,* 1833-70, 4 v., comprising notes, mortgages, lumber receipts, inventories of stock, tin shop accounts, list of subscribers to newspapers and periodicals, postal records, and other data.

G. **John E. MILHOLLAND Collection,** 1887-1924, 32 v. and 200 pieces.

1. *Diary,* 1901-24, 23 v., relating his trips west and to Europe, experiences and experiments with the pneumatic underground tube system.
2. *Scrapbooks,* 1887-1901, 8 v., including personal notes.
3. *Miscellaneous materials,* including a sketch of the life of MILHOLLAND, a book of patents (Pneumatic Tubes), 1887-1905, letters, clippings, political tracts, and other items bearing on his varied career as newspaper editor, champion of negro rights, prison reform, and Federal aid to education, and inventor.

H. **Shadrach OSBORNE papers,** 1769-1833, 163 pieces.

Consist of business and personal letters (95) chiefly to Shadrach OSBORNE,

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of Woodbury, Conn., from SHERMAN, PEARSALL & Sons, Sam DELAPLAINE, Isaac SEARS, J. BLUGGE, and Erastus OSBORNE, and miscellaneous papers (68) of the firm of HINMAN and OSBORNE, 1771-1805, comprising bills, receipts, purchase orders, and accounts relating to the general merchandise business.

I. **Henry Harmon NOBLE Collection,** 1788-1925, 635 items.

1. *Account book of Ransom NOBLE,* 1799-1800, comprising personal accounts relative to his general store.
2. *Military papers*

   Certificates of service and other documents relating to the War of 1812, records of Ransom NOBLE, Daniel SAFFORD, Lemuel WHITNEY, Joel FRENCH, Humphrey SHERMAN, George Titus SHERMAN, Beldon NOBLE, General Daniel WRIGHT, and Lieut. Thomas McNEIL, 44 pieces.

   Roster of officers and non-commissioned officers of the 37th Regiment, New York State Militia, 1840-41.

   Copies of cemetery inscriptions pertaining to Northern New York Soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War.

   Land grants to Joel FRENCH and Humphrey SHERMAN for service in the War of 1812, and numerous letters to Ransom NOBLE and others from the United States Pension Bureau.
3. *Miscellaneous genealogical data* and correspondence concerning Essex County families, among them, BULL, HAZEN, MACOMB, ROSS, SHELDON, STAFFORD, TOMLINSON, WADHAMS, and marriage records and correspondence relating to the NOBLE family genealogy.

J. **James A. HOLDEN Collection,** 1762-1916, 2,000 pieces.

Include: assessment rolls of Queensbury, 1809, 1811, 1822; assessment for highway work for Queensbury, 1817, 1818; deeds and inventories of property in Queensbury and vicinity, 1762-1813; reports of Trustees of Queensbury School District #2; addresses of James A. HOLDEN as State Historian, 1911-16; historical, biographical, and genealogical notes for James A. HOLDEN'S "History of Queensbury"; miscellaneous notes of A. W. HOLDEN on Glens Falls and Queensbury; manuscript of a portion of William Leete STONE'S "Sir William Johnson"; correspondence and documents on the burial place of General (Lord) HOWE, who was killed at Ticonderoga in the campaign of 1758; subscription lists for A. W. HOLDEN'S "History of Northern New York" and James A. HOLDEN'S "History of Queensbury"; annual statements of the New York State Historical Association, 1909-13; and other data.

K. **SMITH family papers,** 1824-1901, 800 pieces.

Include some 500 letters mainly to members of the SMITH family (Henry SMITH of Fort Edward, N.Y., Silas E. SMITH of Dunham's Bay, Washington Co., N.Y., and Miss Laura SMITH of Fort Edward, N.Y., Rockford, Ill., and other places in the middle west) from friends, relatives, and business associates; also receipts, bills, notes, accounts, petitions to commissioners of highways of Fort Edward, N.Y., 1824, school tax lists, teacher's certificates, and other data.

X. Ticonderoga.—New York State Historical Association (cont.)

L. **Dixon Ryan FOX Collection,** 1734-1884, 107 pieces.

Includes letters (66) principally to John RANSOME of Cortland, N.Y., from relatives and friends in England, Baltimore, and New York, relating to family and religious affairs. Among the correspondents are Henry HAWKS, Richard RANSOME, Matthew ARMITAGE, John BIRKBECK, Robert CATER, Calvin STOCKBRIDGE, Lydia AUSTIN, William CHANTRY, and others. Other materials include contracts for the sale of land, receipts, genealogy of the RANSOME family, catalogues of the Friends Academy at Union Springs, N.Y., and other data.

M. **Edward C. D. WILEY Collection,** 1827-1904, 185 pieces.

Includes: letters (110), 1842-90, of the WILEY family concerning personal matters, some relating to the mercantile business of John and William G. WILEY in Shoreham and Rockville, Vermont; business papers (34), 1827-1904, including deeds, agreements, writs of attachment, insurance policies and assignments of mortgages involving Joseph S. WEED, William M. WILEY, Melancton WHEELER, Cornelius VAN VEGHTEN, Noah GIBBS, Sheppard B. BULLARD and others; and poems, historical narratives, and other papers.

N. **James MACAULEY papers,** 1822-69, 3 v.

1. *Justice dockets,* 1822-49, 2 v., containing records of cases tried before James MACAULEY, Justice of Herkimer County.
2. *Account book of Messrs. COLWELL and LONG* of Frankfort, N.Y., 1832-36, relating to their general merchandise business. Included is a diary of Miss Aletha MACAULEY for the years 1859-69.

O. **Cornelia Chevalier BARNES papers,** 1766-1912, 40 pieces.

Include: judicial commissions from Daniel TOMPKINS to William TELLER, 1808-15; license to practice law issued to William James TELLER by Robert YATES, 1796; copies and probates of wills of Peter CHEVALIER, William CHEVALIER, and Adrien RENAULT; deeds, maps, and leases of property, 1766-1819; genealogical data on the CHEVALIER family; and correspondence involving Peter CHEVALIER, Robert YATES, Peter YATES, George CLINTON, and others.

P. **A. N. HAND papers,** 1764-1860, 26 items.

Consist mainly of letters to Augustus C. HAND (attorney of the town of Crown Point, State Senator, Surrogate of Essex County, and Supreme Court Justice) concerning real estate, financial, political, legal, and personal affairs. Correspondents include, Elisha PIKE, Joseph S. WEED, James CHIPMAN, and others; also letters (6) from Kirby SPENCER to William SPENCER touching on his shoe business and personal affairs, 1825-44, and map of lands granted to Lieut. John STROUGHTON, July 25, 1764.

Q. **William GILLILAND papers,** 1765-1850, 26 pieces.

Consist largely of deeds, mortgages, releases, articles of agreement, bonds, maps, and other documents relating to GILLILAND'S extensive landholdings in Willsboro and vicinity. Included is an account (1818) of the State of New York to William GILLILAND for his services as Commissioner of Military Stores for the Eastern District.

X. Ticonderoga.—New York State Historical Association (cont.)

R. **Crown Point Iron Company Records,** 1875-81, 3 v.

1. *Daybook,* 1875-76, relating to accounts of miners in the Miners' store.
2. *Journal,* 1877-81, citing the Company's financial transactions.
3. *Time and Payroll Book,* 1877-78, containing lists of miners employed and their respective salaries.

S. **James CRAWFORD papers,** 1792-1862, 15 items.

Consist mainly of deeds (10) and other papers relating to land in Schuyler, Onondaga, Saratoga, and Tompkins Counties. Names mentioned include James CRAWFORD Sr., James CRAWFORD Jr., John J. BEECKMAN, Isaac DEAN, and others. Included is an autograph book, Jan. 31-Mar. 19, 1862.

T. **William Hadden WING papers,** 1800-69, 25 pieces.

Consist mainly of deeds of the WING family, involving property in Glens Falls and vicinity, 1800-64; also letters from Halsey R. WING and others relating to personal affairs.

There are 180 volumes, 1,300 pieces, and 38 boxes and portfolios of loose manuscripts, all of which are catalogued and some 25% of which are arranged by author, place, or subject and chronologically within each division. Any qualified researcher is allowed access to the material under supervision. There is no photostat or copy service.

See: New York State Historical Association *Bulletin* (1932–), issued quarterly; also quarterly issues of *New York History* for accessions.

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